

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

CASE OFFICER: ...Vicki Wood.....

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/00169/TCA	T1: English Oak - Remove Deadwood. Sever ivy. Reduce Crown by 4m. Reduce laterals overhanging road by up to 5m. T2: Common Hawthorn - Fell. G1: English Oak - Remove deadwood	Land Adj To 42 Farthing Drive Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 2TR

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan

1.0 Policies

1.0 **Planning Practice Guidance**

1.1 Tree Preservation Orders and Trees in Conservation Areas 2014

1.2 Hertfordshire County Council Tree and Woodland Strategy 2022–2030

1.3 North Hertfordshire Council Tree Strategy 2017

2.0 **Relevant Site History**

2.1 None.

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 N/A

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The site where the tree works relates to an area of land on the north west side of Baldock Road and south of Farthing Drive and is within the Willian Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:

T1: English Oak - Remove Deadwood. Sever ivy. Reduce Crown by 4m. Reduce laterals overhanging road by up to 5m.

T2: Common Hawthorn - Fell.

G1: English Oak - Remove deadwood.

4.3 **Key Issues**

4.3.1 The key issues in determining this application are; the amenity value of the trees; the impact of the proposed work on the character and appearance of the Conservation Area; any justification for the proposed work and; whether, taking full account of the above, it would be expedient and in the public interest to make a Tree Preservation Order.

4.3.2 The trees are identified on the submitted plan and the application is accompanied by a Tree Report dated 17/01/2025.

4.3.3 The Tree Report identifies T2 as being dead and requiring removal with some pruning of the adjacent tree being a possibility to allow for its safe removal. The works proposed to tree T1 and the group G1 appear reasonable and justified in order to ensure their longer-term management.

4.3.4 The works to trees T1 and G1 would not result in harm to the amenity value of the trees and together with the felling of T2, I am satisfied that there would be no significant harm to the character and appearance of the Willian Conservation Area.

4.3.4 There would appear not to be any immediate threat to trees T1 and G1 and therefore there is no evidence to suggest further protection is needed by way of a Tree Preservation Order.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 The proposed works to trees T1 and G1 would not harm their amenity value to a significant degree neither would the loss of T2 impact on the wider site. As such, the work would not cause such harm to the character and appearance of the Willian Conservation Area as to overcome the justification for the work.

5.0 **Recommendation**

5.1 **NO OBJECTION** to the proposed work.

Informative/s:

In an effort to combat climate change, North Hertfordshire Council advises that a native tree be planted on the land following removal of the Common Hawthorn tree. Please make sure you are familiar with the planting season which runs from 1st November until 31st March, this will give the tree the best chance of survival.

Signed  Paul Chaston Determining Officer	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Date: 24 January 2025	