

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

CASE OFFICER: ...William Thompson.....

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
24/02155/TCA	3x Hornbeam - Reduce approx 2-3ft	Old Hall Court 1 Horn Hill Whitwell Hertfordshire SG4 8AS

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan Photo

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 01/01305/1TCA - Pruning of three Hornbeam trees.

No Objection

04/01903/1TCA - Three hornbeams to be reduced in height by 25%, removal of 1 Elder tree.

No Objection

06/02571/1TCA - Reduce height and width of 3 Hornbeam.

No Objection

07/02927/1TCA - Reduce Hornbeam trees by 25% and shape.

No Objection

20/01561/TCA - 3x Hornbeam - Reduce crown by approx 2-3ft as previously to shape.

No Objection

22/02815/TCA - 3x Hornbeam - Reduce approx as previously (2-3ft) on embankment at front of property.

No Objection

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 None.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The application site is located on Horn Hill, Whitwell and is within the Whitwell Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 3x Hornbeam - Reduce approx 2-3ft

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 is identified on the submitted location plan and are located on the embankment at the front of the property.
- 4.3.3 The trees appear visually healthy and the applicant has not submitted any aboricultural report to dispute this.
- 4.3.4 When viewing the site from the street scene the trees are clearly visible and therefore contribute towards the character and appearance of the Whitwell Conservation Area; however, the public amenity level is considered low.
- 4.3.5 Due to the above reasons, I do not consider the tree to be of high enough public amenity value to warrant a Tree Preservation Order.

4.4 **Conclusion**

- 4.4.1 The proposed work to the trees would not cause such harm to the character and appearance of the Whitwell Conservation Area as to overcome the justification for the work.

5.0 **Recommendation**

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

Signed  Anne McDonald	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 7 October 2024	