

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/01310/TPO	Various tree works including removal.	Land At Horace Gay Gardens Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 4XP

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 **Site History**

- 2.1 25/01312/TPO - Row of Conifer - Reduce row by approx 6m to previously topped height. Conditional Consent.
- 2.2 14/02444/1TPO - Reduce height of row of Leylandii Trees by approximately 3 metres. Conditional Consent.
- 2.3 Full site history on case file.

3.0 **Representations**

- 3.1 LGCHF – None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

- 4.1.1 The application site comprises of residential dwellings and flats and is covered by two TPO's. The relevant TPO's are: TPO/088 and TPO/089 (North Hertfordshire District Council (Former C.G.A. Site, Spring Road/Icknield Way, Letchworth) 1989 confirmed on 28/06/1989. TPO/088 relates to land to the south which borders the railway line and TPO/089 applies to the east boundary with Spring Road and to part of the north boundary with Icknield Way and part of the west boundary with Lindsell Avenue.

4.2 **Proposal**

- 4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake various works to various trees including removal of trees referenced T5, T8 and T12 (Sumac).

4.3 **Key Issues**

- 4.3.1 The issues associated with this proposal centre upon the appropriateness of the works in relation to the Tree Preservation Order.
- 4.3.2 The trees are identified on the submitted plan and are positioned at various points throughout the site. The three Sumac trees to be felled are ornamental trees and not native to the UK. The Sumac trees and are not covered by either TPO. Works proposed to the remaining trees is considered remedial which is considered reasonable and justified to ensure their longer-term management. All of the trees on the site provide amenity value.
- 4.3.3 In considering replacement trees, given the Sumac trees are not part of a TPO it would not, in my view, be appropriate to request replacements.

4.4 **Conclusion**

- 4.4.1 I am satisfied that the proposed works are acceptable.

5.0 **Recommendation**

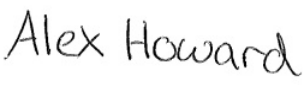
- 5.1 That permission be **GRANTED** for the proposed works subject to conditions:

1. The works shall be undertaken only by a competent and suitably qualified arboricultural contractor or tree surgeon as capable of carrying them out to an acceptable standard.

Reason: In order that the works are undertaken by a suitably qualified contractor.

2. The works shall be carried out to conform to British Standard 3998 - Recommendations for Tree Work and in a manner so as to ensure that the natural and aesthetic appearance of the trees are maintained to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: In order to ensure that the works are undertaken to an acceptable standard which will not harm the health of the tree(s).

Signed  Alex Howard Determining Officer	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Date: 16 July 2025	