

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/00155/TCA	T4: Scots Pine - Fell. T5: Common Hawthorn - Fell. T2: Beech - Remove deadwood, severer and strip ivy to 1.5m. T1: Beech - Reduce crown and primary limb extended over pavement and road by 2 to 3m. Reduce west laterals over pavement and road by 1 to 2m. Clear lamp column by 1m. T3: Silver Birch - Fell.	296 Norton Way South Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 1SU

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan

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 21/03099/TCA - T1 Scots Pine - Fell. T2 Lime - Reduce/Prune back crown by 2-3m and shape to balance.

No Objection

15/00492/1TCA - Fell 1 Cherry Tree (T1).

No Objection

13/00087/1TCA - T1 Silver Birch - Fell tree and remove stump. T2 Oak - Remove lower lateral and reduce crown back by 2 metres. T3 Beech - Remove large lower lateral, raise crown to 8 metres and thin by 25%. T4 Lime - Raise crown to 5 metres and thin by 25%.

No Objection

99/00928/1TCA - Pruning work to Lime tree in front garden.

No Objection

89/00150/1TCA - Removal of Hazel tree.

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 Norton Way South, LGC and is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

- 4.2.1 T4: Scots Pine - Fell. T5: Common Hawthorn - Fell. T2: Beech - Remove deadwood, severer and strip ivy to 1.5m. T1: Beech - Reduce crown and primary limb extended over pavement and road by 2 to 3m. Reduce west laterals over pavement and road by 1 to 2m. Clear lamp column by 1m. T3: Silver Birch - Fell.

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 location plan and are located around the perimeter of the site or near the front elevation of the building.
- 4.3.3 T3, T4 and T5 are recommended to be felled in the aboricultural report for various reasons and are not deemed worthy of a TPO.
- 4.3.4 T1 and T2 are proposed to have remedial works which would not affect the character and appearance of the Letchworth Conservation Area.
- 4.3.5 Due to the above reasons, I do not consider the trees 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 Letchworth Conservation Area as to overcome the justification for the work.

5.0 **Recommendation**

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

Signed  Naomi Reynard	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 6 February 2025	