

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

25/00159/TCA

Common Ash - Sever ivy to 1.5m

Allotment Gardens

Lytton Avenue

Letchworth Garden City

Hertfordshire

SG6 3HY

Submitted Plan Nos

Tree report

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 24/00139/TCA - G1 - 8 x semi-mature Ash - Remove Ivy from bases and main stems, remove dead wood from crowns, reduce heavy limbs and cut back overhanging branches by up to 2m. Walnut - Remove large broken branch.
No Objection
- 22/02635/TCA - T1 Common Ash - Remove deadwood (>10mm dia) Reduce Crown overall by 3-4m (25-30%) to suitable points of regrowth.
No Objection
- 19/01115/TCA - Group of Hornbeam, Hawthorn, Sycamore, Ash - -Crown thinning and pruning, reduce by up to 3m.
No Objection
- 16/02263/1TCA - Raise crown by 3 metres to one Oak tree (T1). Raise crown by 4 metres to one Ash tree (T2). Remove two Field Maple trees (T3 & T4).
No Objection
- 11/00366/1TCA - Crown thin 1 Plum tree (T1), and 2 Sycamore Trees (T2 & T3) by approximately 25%.
No Objection
- 10/00251/1TCA - Crown clean 5 Ash trees and 4 Hawthorn trees.
No Objection
- 09/02018/1TCA - Crown lift 5 Ash Trees (T1; 595; 596; 597 & 598) to height of approximately 4 metres and crown lift 1 Sycamore Tree (594) to height of approximately 4 metres and reduce overhanging branches by 15-20%. Please refer to site plan detailing position of trees as numbered.
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 within the Allotment Gardens, Lytton Avenue, LGC and is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

- 4.2.1 Common Ash - Sever ivy to 1.5m.

4.3 **Key Issues**

- 4.3.1 The key issues in determining this application are: the amenity value of the tree; 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 tree is identified on the submitted location plan and located within the Allotment Gardens, Lytton Avenue.
- 4.3.3 The proposed works are remedial which would not affect the character and appearance of the Letchworth Conservation Area.
- 4.3.4 Due to the above reasons, I do not consider there a need to issue 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	

