

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/00158/TCA	T1: Scots Pine - Fell. T2: Sycamore - Reduce the three lower east branches overhanging edge of allotment by 3m. T3: Plum - Fell. T4: Sycamore - Monolith. T5: Sycamore - Sever ivy and remove to 2m height to inspect base. T6: Poplar - Fell.	Allotment Gardens At Rear Of 31 To 45 South View Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire

Submitted Plan Nos

Tree report

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 24/00245/TCA - Tag Ref 0636 - Sycamore – Fell. **No Objection**
- 23/02124/TCA - T1 Dead Sycamore – Remove. **No Objection**
- 23/00689/TCA - Various works. **No Objection**
- 20/00135/TCA - T1, T2 Pine - Fell to ground level. T3, T4 2x Scots pine - Fell (Dead). **No Objection**
- 10/00250/1TCA - Crown clean 10 Sycamore trees, 2 Apples trees, 1 Scots Pine tree, 2 Poplar trees, 2 Plum trees and group Sycamore & Alder mix. **No Objection**
- 09/00179/1TCA - Remove 2 Plum Trees (562 & 563), 1 Poplar Tree (568), 1 Scots Pine Tree (588), and 1 dead tree (587). Crown clean 1 Sycamore Tree (567) - 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 in Allotment Gardens at the rear of no.31-45 South View, LGC and is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

- 4.2.1 T1: Scots Pine - Fell. T2: Sycamore - Reduce the three lower east branches overhanging edge of allotment by 3m. T3: Plum - Fell. T4: Sycamore - Monolith. T5: Sycamore - Sever ivy and remove to 2m height to inspect base. T6: Poplar - 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 T1, T3 and T6 are recommended to be felled in the arboricultural report for various reasons and are not deemed worthy of a TPO.
- 4.3.4 T2 and T5 are proposed to have remedial works which would not affect the character and appearance of the Letchworth Conservation Area. T4 would have a significant reduction but it is considered to be in an overall poor condition, so not worth of a TPO.
- 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	

