

## DELEGATED FILE NOTE

**CASE OFFICER:** ...Francis Mabbett.....

| APPLICATION<br>REFERENCE | BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF<br>DEVELOPMENT          | APPLICATION SITE                                                                      |
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| 26/01472/TCA             | T1: Walnut - Reduce overall crown<br>by 2.5m | The Lodge<br>Merchant Taylors Close<br>Ashwell<br>Baldock<br>Hertfordshire<br>SG7 5LF |

### **Submitted Plan Nos**

#### **1.0     Policies**

#### **2.0     Site History**

None relevant

#### **3.0     Representations**

Ashwell Parish Council had no objection to the works.

#### **4.0     Planning Considerations**

##### **4.1     Site**

T1 Walnut (applicant's plan) is located on a small green area to the west of the property adjacent to Gardiners Lane. The tree is highly visible to the public realm. The site is within the Ashwell Conservation Area.

##### **4.2     Proposal**

T1: Walnut - Reduce overall crown by 2.5m

##### **4.3     Key Issues**

The key issue for consideration is the impact that the proposed works would have on the character, appearance and amenity of the Conservation Area.

4.3.1 The trees are highly visible to the public realm.

4.3.2 T1 Walnut is a mature tree with a spreading crown and reasonable form. The crown grows close to nearby properties and extends beyond the grassed area in which the tree is located. A crown reduction by 2.5m will serve to retain the tree at a suitable size for the location and reduce any potential nuisance arising from the tree crown's proximity to nearby road and buildings. The works will have a negative impact on the amenity of the tree, but this is anticipated to be short-term only.

#### 4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 The proposed works would not result in any unacceptable adverse impact upon the character, appearance and amenity of the Ashwell Conservation Area.

#### 4.5 **Alternative Options**

4.5.1 None applicable

#### 4.6 **Pre-Commencement Conditions**

4.6.1 None applicable

#### 5.0 **Recommendation**

5.1 No objection.

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| Determining Officer       | Development Management<br>North Hertfordshire District Council<br>Council Offices<br>Gernon Road<br>Letchworth<br>Herts<br>SG6 3JF |
| <b>Date:</b> 16 July 2026 |                                                                                                                                    |