

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

CASE OFFICER: ...Henry Thomas.....

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/00124/TCA	T1: Field Maple, T2: Plum, T3: Cherry, T4: Sycamore - Fell to ground level. T5: Field Maple - Reduce overhang, max of 2.5m. T6: Silver Birch, T7: Cherry, T8 Hazel - Reduce the overhang by up to 2m.	68 Lawrence Avenue Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 2EZ

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

2.1 None relevant.

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 **Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation** – None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The site is a semi-detached two storey dwelling on the west side of the Lawrence Avenue within a residential part of Letchworth Garden City. The site is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

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4.3 **Key Issues**

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

- ☐ The trees are located to the rear of the property and are not visible from the public realm.
- ☐ The proposed works to T5 – T8 are remedial and would not harm the significance or the health of the trees. I therefore have no objection to the proposed works to these trees.
- ☐ The applicant has stated on the application form that T1 – T3 are “self set... and need removing to stop any interference with the more mature trees.” As these trees are in crown competition, I find it acceptable to remove them to promote the healthy growth of the nearby mature trees. The support statement states that T4 is a dead stem. From the photo provided it appears to be in poor condition. I therefore have no objection to the works and do not find the trees worthy of the further protection afforded by a tree preservation order.

4.4 **Conclusion**

The proposed works would not result in any unacceptable adverse impact upon the character and appearance of the Letchworth 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.

Signed  Andrew Hunter	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 17 February 2025	