

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

CASE OFFICER: ...Vicki Wood.....

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/00074/TCA	Apple - Fell. 4 x Ellwoodii Conifer - Fell.	48 Ridge Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 1PN

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan Photos

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 None.

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 LGCHF – None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The application site lies on the east side of Ridge Road and comprises of a Grade II listed building within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:

Apple - Fell.

4 x Ellwoodii Conifer - 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 plan.

4.3.3 The details submitted in support of the proposed works indicate that the Apple tree is dead with the large Conifer shading other smaller trees. Both these trees are sited in the rear garden of the property. To the front garden and in close proximity to the dwelling, lie a further three, much smaller Conifer trees which are causing problems to the paving. On the basis of the above, I am satisfied that the works are considered reasonable and justified.

4.3.4 A Tree Preservation Order would not be appropriate for the reasons set out above.

4.4 **Conclusion**

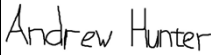
4.4.1 The proposed works would not cause such harm to the character and appearance of the Letchworth Conservation Area as to overcome the justification for the work.

5.0 **Recommendation**

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

Informative/s:

1. In an effort to combat climate change, North Hertfordshire Council advises that two native trees be planted within the rear garden of the property following removal of the Apple and Conifer trees. Please make sure you are familiar with the planting season which runs from 1st November until 31st March, this will give the trees the best chance of survival.
2. In addition to this approval, and prior to the felling of the trees, you **MUST** make sure you have obtained the written consent of the Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation (where applicable).

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