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CASE OFFICER: …Jo Cousins……

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
18/00871/TCA	Conifers - Removal	22 Hodwell Ashwell Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5QQ

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

NONE None Relevant

2.0 **Site History**

See 15/03014/1 – two replacement two bedroom dwellings which included an access point in the position of the Conifers which were shown to be removed.

3.0 **Representations**

None

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

Residential property in the Ashwell Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

Removal of a group of Conifer trees.

4.3 **Key Issues**

If the work is considered inappropriate are the trees worthy of the further protection afforded by a TPO.

The application states: *Removal of a row of conifer trees forming a hedge and as shown in the area bounded by red on the photo and site plan. These are multi trunk trees and have been pollarded in the past. They are being removed to allow access and the formation of a vehicular hardstanding. The principal of the hedge removal has been established by the permission reference 15/03014/1 but consent for removal of the hedge is being sought in advance of any Implementation of this permission.*

Assessment – the trees are to the rear and side of the property and given that they are conifers make little positive visual contribution to the area. They are not of any significant public amenity value or such fine specimens as to warrant the making of a specific TPO.

4.4 **Conclusion**
In this instance no objections raised as the tree is not worthy of further protection in my view.

5.0 **Recommendation**

5.1 No objection.

Signed  Tom Rea Determining Officer	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
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