

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/00204/TCA	T00387, T00388: Holm Oaks - Prune to provide clearance from the overhead phone lines.	St Marys Church Mill Street Ashwell Hertfordshire SG7 5LY

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 Site History

Various tree works applications at the site.

3.0 Representations

None received.

4.0 Planning Considerations

4.1 Site and Surroundings

T00387, T00388: 2x Holm Oaks (applicant's plan) are located on the West boundary of site adjacent to Mill Street. Both trees are highly visible to the public and the trees are within the Ashwell Conservation Area

4.2 Proposal

T00387, T00388: Holm Oaks - Prune to provide clearance from the overhead phone lines.

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 T00387, T00388 are large trees with canopies overhanging the road. The branches are clearly in conflict with the phone lines and overtime through abrasion could render them defunct. Pruning to clear these wires will mitigate this issue and should have minimal impact on the amenity of these trees.

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**

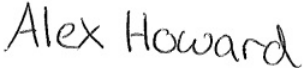
4.5.1 None applicable

4.6 **Pre-Commencement Conditions**

4.6.1 None applicable

5.0 **Recommendation**

5.1 No objection.

Signed  Alex Howard Determining Officer	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
--	---

Date: 13 February 2026	
-------------------------------	--