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

**APPLICATION  
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF  
DEVELOPMENT**

**APPLICATION SITE**

25/02726/TCA

T1: Lime - Section fell to ground level

Electricity Substation

Church Lane

Barkway

Hertfordshire

SG8 8EJ

**Submitted Plan Nos**

**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 N/A

## 4.0 **Planning Considerations**

### 4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

- 4.1.1 The site lies on the south side of Church Lane which is to the west side of the High Street and is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

### 4.2 **Proposal**

- 4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:
  - T1 – Line – Section fell to ground level.

### 4.3 **Key Issues**

- 4.3.1 The key issues in determining this application are; the amenity value of the tree; 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 tree is identified on the submitted plan, and the application is accompanied by a photograph of the tree. The tree is sited within an electricity sub-station compound; the compound has a brick built outer wall to the north and west boundaries where there is evidence of failures within the structure which is understood to be caused as a result of the root growth. The position of the sub-station which is to the rear of existing buildings on the High Street means that any amenity value is limited.
- 4.3.4 In the circumstances, further protection by way of a Tree Preservation Order is not considered appropriate.

### 4.4 **Conclusion**

- 4.4.1 I am satisfied that the work appears reasonable and justified and would not cause such harm to the character and appearance of the Barkway Conservation Area as to overcome the justification for the work.

5.0 **Recommendation**

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

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| <p>Signed</p> <p></p> <p>Naomi Reynard</p> | <p>Development Management<br/>North Hertfordshire District Council<br/>Council Offices<br/>Gernon Road<br/>Letchworth<br/>Herts<br/>SG6 3JF</p> |
| <p>Determining Officer</p> <p><b>Date:</b> 10 November 2025</p>                                                             |                                                                                                                                                 |