

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/02852/TCA	Sycamore - Reduce height by 25%	Bury Mead Maiden Street Weston Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 7DL

Submitted Plan Nos

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 Various works to trees has been undertaken in the past and there are two current pending applications for further works to pollard 2 x Maple trees (25/02854/TCA) and to reduce the height of a Holm tree (25/02853/TCA).

3.0 **Representations**

- 3.1 N/A

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

- 4.1.1 The site where the tree works are proposed is located off Maiden Street, set back from the highway and within the Weston Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

- 4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:
 - Sycamore – Reduce height by 25%

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 area where the tree is located is identified on the submitted plan and the application is accompanied by a photograph of the tree.
- 4.3.3 The proposed works would be remedial and would ensure the longer-term management of the tree.
- 4.3.4 There would appear not to be any immediate threat to tree and therefore there is no evidence to suggest further protection is needed by way of a Tree Preservation Order.

4.4 **Conclusion**

- 4.4.1 The proposed works appear reasonable and justified and would not result in harm to the amenity value of the tree. As such, I am satisfied that the work would not cause such harm to the character and appearance of the Weston Conservation Area as to overcome the justification for the work.

5.0 **Recommendation**

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

Signed  Tom Rea	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 10 November 2025	