

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/01530/TCA	T2042: Red Oak - Remove back to union all secondary growth from scaffold limbs to a height of 5m. T2043 & T2048: Sycamore - Remove deadwood and Basal and Epicormic growth. T2049 & T2050: Sycamore - Dead trees, fell and stump grind. T2053: Ash - Raise crown to clear structures and sever ivy	Land Rear Of 29 To 31 Sollershott East Baldock Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire

Submitted Plan Nos

2.0 **Site History**

10/00252/1TCA - Crown clean 5 Sycamore trees and 1 Willow tree. -No objection

3.0 **Representations**

None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site**

All trees (applicant's plan) are located within the green area bordered on the North and East by rear gardens of properties 25-37 Sollershott East, bordered on the West by rear gardens of properties 34-38 Filed Lane and on the south by Baldock Road. The trees are visible to the public realm and are located in a public space. The site is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

T2042: Red Oak - Remove back to union all secondary growth from scaffold limbs to a height of 5m. T2043 & T2048: Sycamore - Remove deadwood and Basal and Epicormic growth. T2049 & T2050: Sycamore - Dead trees, fell and stump grind. T2053: Ash - Raise crown to clear structures and sever ivy

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 visible to the public realm.

4.3.2 T2042: Red Oak is located close to Baldock Road and the works are necessary to prevent conflict with vehicles using the highway and pedestrians using the pavement. The works are unlikely to have a major negative effect on the visible appearance of the tree.

4.3.3 T2043 & T2048: Sycamore - Remove deadwood and Basal and Epicormic growth is in accord with normal ongoing maintenance and is necessary to allow for full inspection of the lower stems and mitigate any risk posed by falling dead wood.

4.3.4 T2049 & T2050: Sycamore – are dead or mainly dead and are no longer suitable for retention, as they are now highly prone to failure and pose a risk to users of the green space. Any alternative works would not be viable and so their removal is acceptable.

4.4.5 T2053: Ash - Raise crown to clear structures and sever ivy is again in accord with normal ongoing maintenance and is necessary to allow for full inspection of the lower stems and maintain clearance from nearby structures. The works are unlikely to significantly affect the amenity of the tree and will mitigate any nuisance it may be causing.

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 Letchworth 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  Thomas Howe	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 23 July 2026	