

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

CASE OFFICER: ...William Thompson.....

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
24/02260/TCA	T1: Plum - Remove the new shorts bringing the height down by 1.5m and shape and balance. Thin the crown by 20%. T2: Ornamental Pear - Remove deadwood within the crown, reduce height up to 1m shape and balance cutting to viable growth.	17 Broadwater Avenue Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3HF

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan Photo

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 00/00197/1TCA - Removal of Horse Chestnut and pruning by 20% of Oak tree
No Objection
- 03/01684/1TCA - Prune 1 Oak tree; 1 Acacia tee; 1 Cherry tree and 1 ornamental Pear tree.
No Objection
- 06/00657/1TCA - Reduce one Acacia Tree by 30% overall. Reduce crown to 20% of Cherry tree. Remove one Hawthorn tree. Reduce crown of Oak tree by 20%. Reduce one large Hawthorn tree in height by approx 20%.
No Objection
- 09/01915/1TCA - Reduce crown of 1 Oak Tree by approximately 30%, Reduction of 1 Ornamental Pear Tree and 1 Bird Cherry Tree by approximately 20% and 1 Apple Tree

by approximately 15%. Fell 1 Damson and reduce overhanging branches of 1 Damson Tree by approximately 20%.

No Objection

13/02661/1TCA - Crown reduce by 30% one Oak tree; one Pear tree (in rear garden adjacent to The Meads); one Cherry tree and one Apple tree (to front of property).

No Objection

16/03037/1TCA - T1 - Apple - Crown reduce to previous points (approx 20%); T2 - Cherry - Crown reduce to previous points (approx 20%); T3 - Hawthorn - Crown reduce to previous points - reduce in height to approximately 4m; T4 - Oak - Crown reduce to previous points (approx 20%); T5 - Damson - Reduce to clear street light by 1 - 2m. Sever ivy; T6 - Pear - Crown reduce to previous points (approx 25%)

No Objection

19/00344/TCA - T1 Oak, T2 Apple, T3 Cherry -Reduce

No Objection

21/00485/TCA - T1 Oak - Crown reduce to previous points. Reduction of up to 2m

No Objection

23/02842/TCA - T5 Hawthorn - Remove. T6 Oak – Remove

No Objection

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 LGCHF – None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The application site is located on Broadwater Avenue and is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 T1: Plum - Remove the new shorts bringing the height down by 1.5m and shape and balance. Thin the crown by 20%. T2: Ornamental Pear - Remove deadwood within the crown, reduce height up to 1m shape and balance cutting to viable growth.

4.3 **Key Issues**

4.3.1 The key issues in determining this application are: the amenity value of the trees; 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 trees are identified on the submitted location plan and are located in the rear garden.

4.3.3 The trees are mature and appear visually healthy and the applicant has not submitted any arboricultural report to dispute this.

4.3.4 When viewing the site from the street scene the T2 is highly visible and T1 is somewhat visible; therefore, they contribute towards the character and appearance of the Letchworth Conservation Area; however, the works will tidy up the trees and improve the public amenity value.

4.3.5 Due to the above reasons, I do not consider the trees to be of high enough public amenity value to warrant a Tree Preservation Order.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 The proposed work to the trees would not cause such harm to the character and appearance of the Letchworth Conservation Area as to overcome the justification for the work.

5.0 **Recommendation**

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

Signed  Ben Glover	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 6 November 2024	