

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

25/02156/TCA

T1, T2: Ash - Remove.

The Old Post House

Police Row

Therfield

Royston

Hertfordshire

SG8 9PH

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan

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 08/00541/1TCA – Reduce and reshape crown by 40% to one Sycamore tree and one Ash tree. Reduce height of 3 Ash trees by 50%. Remove 3 Sycamore sapling trees.

No Objection

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 None

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The application site is located on The Old Post House, Police Row, Therfield and is within the Therfield Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 T1, T2: Ash - Remove.

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 are located to the rear of the site.

4.3.3 The two Ash trees are to the rear of the site, so hold little amenity value. They are both suffering with Ash dieback and are a safety concern. They are in the same line as a tree that has already failed and are at risk of causing damage if they also fail. Therefore, the trees would not be considered worthy enough specimens to warrant a TPO.

4.3.4 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 Therfield 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
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