

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

CASE OFFICER: ...Kayleigh Abery.....

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/01910/TCA	T1: 2x Silver Birch - Reduce crown by approx 50% (6-8m). T2: Ash - Remove two low branches.	Church View Pedlars Lane Therfield Royston Hertfordshire SG8 9PX

Submitted Plan Nos

2.0 **Relevant Site History**

2.1 05/00848/1TCA: Removal of 3 Conifer trees. 07.07.2005 – **No objection**

2.2 05/01653/1TCA: Removal of 3 Conifer trees. 20.12.2005 – **No objection**

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 No representations required.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The trees are located in the rear garden of Church View, Pedlars Lane within the Therfield Conservation Area. The trees are not in the public realm but are visible to nearby neighbouring properties.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:

T1: 2x Silver Birch - Reduce crown by approx 50% (6-8m).

T2: Ash - Remove two low branches.

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.

4.3.3 The proposal enables remedial works to be undertaken to the trees, the reduction of the Silver Birch trees is considered high and and lesser works would be recommended which would be considered reasonable and would help secure their longer-term management.

4.3.4 There is no threat to the trees, therefore I do not consider a Tree Preservation Order to be appropriate.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 The proposed works, advising less than 50% for the Silver Birch trees, would not result in the loss of the trees. It is therefore considered that the works would not result in any

unacceptable harm to the amenity value of the trees, nor to the character and appearance of the Therfield Conservation Area that would outweigh the justification for the works.

5.0 **Recommendation**

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

Signed  Melissa Tyler	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 21 August 2026	