

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/01950/TCA	Sycamore - Remove fallen limb. 2x Chestnut - Remove several low limbs, raising crown to 6m above ground level and remove major deadwood	Land Adjacent To Church Of St Mary Magdalene Church Lane Barkway Hertfordshire SG8 8EJ

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Relevant Site History**

2.1 None.

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 No representations required.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The site is located in land adjacent to St Mary's Magdalene Church, Church Street, Barkway and is with the Barkway Conservation Area. The trees are within the public realm both to church visitors and users of the closely located public rights of way. There is a significant quantity of trees within the vicinity of the site.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:

Sycamore - Remove fallen limb. 2x Chestnut - Remove several low limbs, raising crown to 6m above ground level and remove major deadwood.

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, which are considered reasonable and would help secure their longer-term management and retain the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.

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 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 Barkway 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: 19 August 2026	