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

**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

24/02613/TCA

T1: Acacia - Removal of 3 stems, severe
Ivy at base and crown clean.

Kimpton Bury
High Street
Kimpton
Hertfordshire
SG4 8RH

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 10/00564/1TCA - Reduce crown of apple tree by 1 metre (T1). Remove Horse Chestnut tree (T2). Reduce crown of plum tree by 1 metre (T3). Prune small apple tree by 1 metre (T4). Reduce Acer by 1 metre and remove dead wood branches overhanging road (B651) (T5).

00/01896/1TCA - Pruning of 4 various trees and felling of Horse Chestnut tree

No Objection

98/01537/1TCA - Felling of 3 Poplar trees

No Objection

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 Kimpton Bury, Kimpton and is within the Kimpton Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 T1: Acacia - Removal of 3 stems, severe Ivy at base and crown clean.

4.3 **Key Issues**

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

4.3.3 The tree is mature and appears 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 tree is visible and therefore contributes towards the character and appearance of the Kimpton Conservation Area; However, the works are to maintain the tree, so will not affect public amenity.

4.3.5 Due to the above reasons, I do not consider the tree 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 tree would not cause such harm to the character and appearance of the Kimpton Conservation Area as to overcome the justification for the work.

5.0 **Recommendation**

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

Signed  Andrew Hunter	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 16 December 2024	