

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

24/02697/TCA

GB25: Eucalyptus - Fell to ground level

66 Glebe Road

Letchworth Garden City

Hertfordshire

SG6 1DR

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan

1.0 Policies

2.0 Site History

2.1 24/00016/TCA - GB25 Eucalyptus - Crown reduce all round by 4-5m. Approved 31/01/2024.

3.0 Representations

3.1 n/a

4.0 Planning Considerations

4.1 Site and Surroundings

4.1.1 The application site is located on the north side of Glebe Road and within the Letchworth Conservation Area. The eucalyptus tree is located in the rear garden of no 66 close to the boundary with no 68.

4.2 Proposal

4.2.1 Consent is sought for the following works:

- ☐ Eucalyptus (GB25) – fell to ground level.

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 as GB25. During the site visit, it was noted that the tree was not in good health and sited very close to the boundary with no 68. Consent is sought to fell the tree as it is considered to have outgrown its location and neighbours are raising concerns about potential damage to property.

4.3.3 The applicant (Robinson Tree Services Ltd) has confirmed the following by email received 16/12/2024:

- the eucalyptus tree is within the fence line – a new fence cannot be erected whilst it is there.
- The roots are spread all over the garden.
- At this time, it is still a young tree and will not really affect the aesthetics of the environment.
- It is planned to replace the tree with a standard sized Maple or Silver Birch somewhere away from the fence.
- Concerns have been raised that if the tree is allowed to reach a 'mature' stage it may affect the foundations of the building as its fairly close to the house.

4.3.4 The loss of the tree would be unfortunate. However, the tree has outgrown its location and is no longer suitable for a rear garden. The tree is located at the rear of the property with

limited views of it from the street. It does not therefore make a significant contribution to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area. There are other trees in the wider area.

- 4.3.5 The value of the tree is not such that it requires protection via a Tree Preservation Order. The felling of the eucalyptus is therefore acceptable and will not cause unacceptable harm to the Conservation Area.

4.4 Conclusion

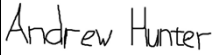
- 4.4.1 The proposed works would not result in any unacceptable adverse impact upon the character and appearance of the Conservation Area. The tree is not worthy of further protection via a Tree Preservation Order.

4.5 Alternative Options

- 4.5.1 None applicable

5.0 Recommendation

- 5.1 No objection.

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Determining Officer Date: 17 December 2024	