

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

25/02657/TCA

Maple - Fell and roots removed

44 Broadwater Avenue

Letchworth Garden City

Hertfordshire

SG6 3HJ

Submitted Plan Nos

Sketch location plan Photo

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 16/01102/1TCA - Reduce canopy by 2-3 meters approximately 1 Acer Tree (T1),
Reduce canopy by 2-3 meters approximately 1 Eleagnus Augustifolia Tree (T2)

No Objection

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 **Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation** – None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The application site is located on Broadwater Avenue, Letchworth Garden City and is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Maple - Fell and roots removed.

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 on the front driveway.

4.3.3 The tree is highly visible to the public realm, so holds amenity value. The proposed works to fell are justified as the tree has a rotten middle stem and the roots have been previously cut at the base; thus, the tree would not be considered a worthy enough specimen to warrant a TPO. Additionally, the front garden contains a multitude of vegetation and the application form states another tree will be planted in a more suitable location. So, it is not considered that the proposed works would cause unacceptable harm to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.

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 works to the tree would not cause such harm to the character and appearance of the Letchworth Conservation Area as to overcome the justification for the work.

5.0 **Recommendation**

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

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Determining Officer Date: 19 November 2025	