

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
24/02788/TCA	T1: Horse Chestnut - Remove dying / dead section to the lower union in the trunk (approx 6m from floor level). Reduce remaining by 30% to alleviate biomechanical stress by reducing both the leverage and the sail area	1 Baldock Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3LB

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan Photos

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

- 2.1 11/00194/1TCA - Reduce 1 Ash Tree overhanging Muddy Lane by approximately 50% and reduce 1 Ash Tree overhanging St Christopher's School by approximately 30%. Remove branch of Walnut Tree overhanging greenhouse.
- 2.2 12/02558/1TCA - Reduce two Yew trees (T1) down to 6m and pollard Ash tree (T2) to 5m.
- 2.3 97/00607/1TCA - Felling of Walnut tree and pruning of Ash, Walnut and Acacia trees

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 proposed site is a detached two storey dwelling on the corner of Hitchin Road and Baldock Road in a residential part of Letchworth Garden City. The site is located within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

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4.3 **Key Issues**

- 4.3.1 The key issue for consideration is the impact that the proposed works would have on the character and appearance of the Letchworth Conservation Area.
 - ☐ The tree is located in the rear garden and has limited visibility from the public realm.
 - ☐ The proposed works to the tree are remedial and would not result in its loss. The proposed scale of works is acceptable in maintaining its health and bringing the tree into a suitable level of amenity.

4.4 **Conclusion**

The proposed works would not result in any unacceptable adverse impact upon the character and appearance of the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.5 **Alternative Options**

- 4.5.1 None applicable

4.6 **Pre-Commencement Conditions**

- 4.6.1 None applicable.

5.0 **Recommendation**

- 5.1 No objection.

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