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

**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

24/02726/TCA

Silver Birch - Reduce up to 4m. Cherry
Plum - Pollard up to a 3m

75 Spring Road
Letchworth Garden City
Hertfordshire
SG6 3SL

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan Photos

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 None relevant

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation - None

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The application site is located on Spring Road and is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Silver Birch - Reduce up to 4m. Cherry Plum - Pollard up to a 3m

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 and are located in the rear garden.

4.3.3 The trees are mature and appear 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 trees are visible; therefore, they do contribute some towards the character and appearance of the Letchworth Conservation Area. However, the public amenity value is considered low.

4.3.5 The works are for maintenance so will not affect public amenity.

4.3.6 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 work to the trees 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.

Signed  Sarah Kasparian	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 8 January 2025	