

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/00655/TCA	T1: Horse Chestnut - Removal of dead tree. T2,T3,T4 and T5: Horse Chestnuts - Crown thinning by 30% and reduction in height by 4 meters.	The Croft Arch Road Great Wymondley Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 7EU

Submitted Plan Nos

2.0 **Site History**

Various tree work applications at the site with most relevant below:

20/01861/TCA - 1 Chestnut - Thin crown by 30% and height reduction of 6m. T2,T3, T5 Chestnuts - Thin crowns by 30% and height reduction of 4m. T4 Sycamore - Thin crown by 30%, height reduction of 4m and remove dead limb.

No objection

3.0 **Representations**

None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

Tree 1 Horse Chestnut (applicant's plan) subject of this application is located on the West boundary of the site while Horse Chestnuts 2-5 are located on the East boundary adjacent to Arch Road. Tree 1 is partly visible to the public realm, while T2-T5 are highly visible. The site is within the Great Wymondley Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

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4.3 **Key Issues**

The key issue for consideration is the impact that the proposed works would have on the character, appearance and amenity of the Conservation Area.

4.3.1 The trees are visible to the public realm.

4.3.2 Tree 1 Horse Chestnut is described as dead, it has been heavily reduced previously and is set well back from the public realm with limited visibility. Although I was not able to confirm the tree's condition, it's removal is unlikely to have a significant amenity impact on the surrounding environment.

4.3.2 Trees 2-5 have been previously reduced with good regrowth present indicating normal vigour. A 4m height reduction will mean pruning close to previous reduction points and will serve to maintain the trees' size. The works will have a negative impact on the

amenity of these trees, but this is necessary to maintain the trees' size, is expected to only be short-term and is in accord with previous works.

4.4 Conclusion

- 4.4.1 The proposed works would not result in any unacceptable adverse impact upon the character, appearance and amenity of the Great Wymondley 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.

Signed  Paul Chaston Determining Officer Date: 10 April 2026	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF