

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

CASE OFFICER: ...Kayleigh Abery.....

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/02136/TCA	T1: Norway Maple - Pollard at 3m. 3x stems from 2.5m. T2: Norway Maple - Re pollard at 3m. T9: Norway Maple - Fell single dead stem.	Barley Church Of England Vc First School Church End Barley Royston Hertfordshire SG8 8JW

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 Relevant Site History

- 2.1 12/01051/1TCA: Raise crown of tree (T1 species unknown) by gate by one metre. Crown reduce tree (T2 species unknown) by 15% and cut back overhanging branches and reshape. Cut back overhanging branches of adjoining tree (T3 species unknown) and reshape. 22.06.2012 – **No objection**
- 2.2 19/00481/TCA: Various tree works including crown reduction and removal. 12.04.2019 – **No objection**
- 2.3 19/01424/TCA: Various tree works including crown reduction and removal as per schedule. 24.07.2019 – **No objection**
- 2.4 20/01271/TCA: T1 Walnut - Lift to clear sheds. T2 Maple - Lift to clear sheds. T9 Maple - Lift low limbs. T10 Maple - Lift low limbs severing at the base. T11 Maple - Lift low limbs severing at the base. T12 Maple - Lift by shortening low limbs. T13 Horse Chestnut - Lift low limbs and remove split limb from crown. T15 Elder and Apple - Fell. T16 Cherry - Lift crown. T18 Pear - Pollard to 3m. 27.07.2020 – **No objection**

- 2.5 20/02034/TCA: T8 Ash - Remove large limb over tennis court and lift 2/3 limbs.
25.09.2020 – **No objection**
- 2.6 23/00776/TCA: Sycamore - Remove 1 branch. 11.04.2023 – **No objection**
- 2.7 23/00778/TCA: Horse Chestnut - Cut 1 limb to fence line lift over the plaistow by removing side branches. 11.04.2023 – **No objection**
- 2.8 23/02331/TCA: Group of Damsons - Pollard to the boundary to fence height.
01.11.2023 – **No objection**
- 2.9 26/02143/5DN: T10: Norway Maple - Fell. T11: Norway Maple - Fell.
04.09.2026 – **No objection**

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 N/A

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

- 4.1.1 The trees are located within the grounds of Barley Church Of England First School within the playing field which borders a recreation ground and tennis courts within the Barley Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

- 4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:

T1: Norway Maple - Pollard at 3m. 3x stems from 2.5m.

T2: Norway Maple - Re pollard at 3m.

T9: Norway Maple - Fell single dead stem.

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.
- 4.3.3 The proposal enables remedial works to be undertaken to the trees, which are considered reasonable and would help secure their longer-term management and retain the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.
- 4.3.4 There is no threat to the trees, therefore I do not consider a Tree Preservation Order to be appropriate.

4.4 **Conclusion**

- 4.4.1 The proposed works would not result in the loss of the trees. It is therefore considered that the works would not result in any unacceptable harm to the amenity value of the trees, nor to the character and appearance of the Barley Conservation Area that would outweigh the justification for the works.

5.0 **Recommendation**

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

Signed  Naomi Reynard	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 25 September 2026	