

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

26/02112/TCA

T1: Horse Chestnut - Selected limb reductions to avoid potential snap outs due to previous limb failures.

Belfry
Manor Farm
Church End
Barley
Royston
Hertfordshire
SG8 8JW

Submitted Plan Nos

2.0 **Relevant Site History**

- 2.1 06/00599/1TCA: Reduce crown of one Horse Chestnut tree by approximately one third. Remove dead/dying branches. 19.06.2006 – No objection
- 2.2 10/01561/1TCA: One Chestnut Tree remove one decaying trunk off main trunk (overhanging garden) and lower branches off same trunk overhanging field. 12.08.2010 – No objection
- 2.3 16/03055/1TCA: Reduce crown by 30% 1 Walnut tree (T1); Fell 2 Italian Cypress Trees (T2 & T3) 21.12.2016 – No objection
- 2.4 17/00136/1TCA: T1 Silver Birch - fell, T2 Silver Birch - fell, T3 Silver Birch - fell. Group of Viburnums – fell. 28.02.2017 – No objection
- 2.5 17/01844/1TCA: T1 Chestnut - reduce by 20%. 03.08.2017 – No objection
- 2.6 18/00405/TCA: Walnut - Reduce by 1.5m. 3x Elder - Reduce by 1.5m. 12.03.2018 – No objection
- 2.7 20/01190/TCA: T1 Walnut - Crown reduce by 20% (1m all round) crown lift to 2m. 04.08.2020 – No objection
- 2.8 22/03279/TCA: T1 Walnut - Crown reduce by 2m back to previous. 23.01.2023 – No objection
- 2.9 24/02819/TCA: T1: Walnut - Crown reduce by 20% (1m all round) crown lift to 2m. 13.01.2025 – No objection
- 2.10 26/01212/TCA: T1: Walnut - Crown reduce of up to 1.5m, 1m pruning to suitable growth points. 19.05.2026 – No objection

3.0 **Representations**

- 3.1 N/A

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

- 4.1.1 The horse chestnut tree is located in the rear garden of Belfry, Manor Farm providing a striking view from the house which is also visible to users of a nearby park and across an open grazing field adjacent to the property. The site is within the Barley Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:

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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.

4.3.3 The proposal enables remedial works to be undertaken to the tree, which is considered reasonable and would help secure its longer-term management and retain the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.

4.3.4 There is no threat to the tree, 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 tree. It is therefore considered that the works would not result in any unacceptable harm to the amenity value of the tree, 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	