

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

26/02087/TCA

T1: Ash - Fell.

1 Picknage Road

Barley

Royston

Hertfordshire

SG8 8HP

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Relevant Site History**

2.1 None

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 N/A

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The site is a detached dwelling with the Ash tree in question located within the rear garden of the site of 1 Picknage Road and alongside the neighbouring boundary with 1 Cambridge Road, the boundary contains multiple trees and shrubs which collectively creates a natural boundary in addition to the fencing in place. The site is within the Barley Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:

Ash - Fell.

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 seeks to fell the Ash tree. The tree, whilst visible partially to the public from the road, its main visibility is for 1 Picknage Road and 1 Cambridge Road, it does not have a significant contribution to the public realm. The character of the tree within the Conservation Area is not particularly high impact especially given the tree is a self-set specimen which appears to have been felled in its history which gives the multi stem growth now.

4.3.4 There is a threat to the tree due to the felling, however, I do not consider a Tree Preservation Order to be appropriate nor in the public interest on this occasion especially given the tree would struggle to reach full maturity.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 The proposed works would result in the loss of the tree. It is considered that the works would not result in any unacceptable harm to the amenity value of the Conservation Area that would outweigh the justification for the works.

4.4.2 It is to be noted that due to the location of the tree being within a boundary outside of that of the applicant that it is an essential requirement of the applicant to have in place permission from the landowner prior to carrying out the proposed work, the consent obtained within this document does not override consent from the landowner. The permission to undertake the proposed felling is a civil legal matter outside of the scope of North Herts Council.

5.0 **Recommendation**

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

Informative/s:

1. Prior to undertaking any works to the tree, consent **MUST** be obtained in writing from the landowner

Signed  Saffron Loasby Determining Officer	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
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