

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

CASE OFFICER: ...Henry Thomas.....

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
24/02149/TCA	T1: Willow - Reduce crown by approx 3-4m remove major dead wood and thin crown. T2: Sweet Chestnut - Fell to ground level. T3: Apple - Fell to ground level. T4: Cherry - Fell to ground level.	63 High Street Barkway Royston Hertfordshire SG8 8EB

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan Photos

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

2.1 None relevant.

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 None.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The site is a detached two storey, grade II listed building on the east side of the Barkway High Street. The site is located within the Barkway Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

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4.3 **Key Issues**

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

- ☐ The trees are located in the rear garden with limited to no visibility from the public realm.
- ☐ T1 is a large mature specimen and in my view of significant value. The proposed works are remedial and would not harm its significance.
- ☐ The applicant has stated that T3 and T4 are 'dead' on the application. From the photos provided they appear to be in poor condition. As such, I have no objection to their proposed removal.
- ☐ Similarly, the application form seeks the removal of T2 stating that the tree is in decline due to the climber. From the photo provided, the tree appears to be of poor health and not of significant value to warrant the further protection of a Tree Preservation Order.

4.4 **Conclusion**

The proposed works would not result in any unacceptable adverse impact upon the character and appearance of the Barkway Conservation Area.

4.5 **Alternative Options**

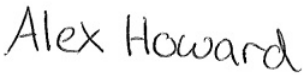
4.5.1 None applicable

4.6 **Pre-Commencement Conditions**

4.6.1 None applicable.

5.0 **Recommendation**

5.1 No objection.

Signed  Alex Howard Determining Officer	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Date: 30 September 2024	