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**CASE OFFICER:** ...William Thompson.....

**APPLICATION  
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF  
DEVELOPMENT**

**APPLICATION SITE**

24/02081/TCA

T1: Oak - Reduce up to 0.5m beyond previous pruning points and raise crown to approx 5m. Remove epicormic from main stem.

104 West View  
Letchworth Garden City  
Hertfordshire  
SG6 3QJ

**Submitted Plan Nos**

**1.0    Policies**

1.0 **Planning Practice Guidance**

1.1 Tree Preservation Orders and Trees in Conservation Areas 2014

1.2 Hertfordshire County Council Tree and Woodland Strategy 2022–2030

1.3 North Hertfordshire Council Tree Strategy 2017

2.0 **Relevant Site History**

2.1 02/01720/1TCA - Felling of Oak tree

**No Objection**

08/02869/1TCA - Reduce overall size of 1 Oak tree by 2-3m.

**No Objection**

11/02867/1TCA - Reduce 1 Oak Tree up to 0.5 metres

**No Objection**

16/02294/1TCA - Oak tree (T1) - reduce up to 0.5m beyond

**Not Proceeded With**

16/02332/1TCA - Reduce 1 Oak tree to maximum of 0.5m

**No Objection**

20/01971/TCA - T1 Oak - Reduce up to 0.5m beyond previous pruning points and raise crown to approx 5m. T2 Cherry - Reduce central crown by 2 - 2.5m growth back to suitable growth points and reshape laterals to balance.

**No Objection**

95/01226/1TCA - Pruning of Oak tree

**No Objection**

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 LGCHF – None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The application site is located on West View, LGC and is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 T1: Oak - Reduce up to 0.5m beyond previous pruning points and raise crown to approx 5m. Remove epicormic from main stem.

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 and is located in the rear garden.

4.3.3 The tree is mature and appears visually healthy and the applicant has not submitted any arboricultural report to dispute this. The works will improve the visual aspect of the tree and not cause it harm.

4.3.4 The works are remedial and do not cause harm to the tree. The scale of works is appropriate in maintaining the tree's value to the conservation area.

#### 4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 The proposed work to the tree would not cause such harm to the character and appearance of the Letchworth Conservation Area as to overcome the justification for the work.

#### 5.0 **Recommendation**

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

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| <div>Signed<br/><br/>Tom Rea</div> <div>Determining Officer</div> | <div>Development Management<br/>North Hertfordshire District Council<br/>Council Offices<br/>Gernon Road<br/>Letchworth<br/>Herts<br/>SG6 3JF</div> |
| <div>Date: 14 October 2024</div>                                                                                                                    |                                                                                                                                                     |