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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
24/02023/TCA	T1: Pear - Fell to ground level. T2: Apple - Lift the lower canopy giving 2m clearance of the ground cutting to viable growth. T3: Plum - Fell to ground level.	16 Norton Way North Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 1BX

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 18/02960/TCA - T1 Hornbeam - T1 Pear - Crown reduce by up to 1m. T7 Sycamore - Reduce in height by 3-4m and shape. T8 Silver Birch - Fell to ground level.

No Objection

18/03037/FPH - Single storey rear extension.

Conditional Permission

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 Norton Way North, LGC and is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 T1: Pear - Fell to ground level. T2: Apple - Lift the lower canopy giving 2m clearance of the ground cutting to viable growth. T3: Plum - Fell to ground level.

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 and are located in the rear garden and are all below the surrounding canopy line.

4.3.3 The trees to fell are bare and not visible to the surrounding area. The works to T2 will improve the visual aspect and not harm the tree.

4.3.4 When viewing the site from the street scene none of the trees are visible and therefore do not contribute towards the character and appearance of the Letchworth Conservation Area; so, they are not considered to have public amenity.

4.3.5 Due to the above reasons, I do not consider the trees to be of high enough public amenity value to warrant a Tree Preservation Order.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 The proposed work to the trees 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.

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