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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
24/02086/TCA	T1: Magnolia - Reduce and thin canopy by up to 30%. T2, T3: Sycamore - Reduce and thin canopy by up to 30%. T4: Hornbeam - Clean and thin canopy. T5: Purple Plum - Clean and thin canopy.	27 South View Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3JJ

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 19/01609/TCA - T1 Apple - Fell

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 South View, LGC and is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

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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.

4.3.3 The trees are mature and appear visually healthy and the applicant has not submitted any arboricultural report to dispute this.

4.3.4 When viewing the site from the street scene the trees are somewhat visible and therefore contributes some towards the character and appearance of the Letchworth Conservation Area; however, the public amenity level is considered low.

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	