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**CASE OFFICER:** ...Vicki Wood.....

**APPLICATION  
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF  
DEVELOPMENT**

**APPLICATION SITE**

24/02025/TCA

T1: Hazel - Fell. T2: Purple leaf Plum -  
Fell.

14 The Quadrant  
Letchworth Garden City  
Hertfordshire  
SG6 4TY

**Submitted Plan Nos**

Sketch location plan Photos

**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       None.

3.0           **Representations**

3.1       **LGCHF** – None received.

4.0           **Planning Considerations**

4.1           **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1   The site where the tree works are proposed is located to the northern side of the junction with The Quadrant and Nevells Road within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2           **Proposal**

4.2.1   Permission is sought to undertake the following works:

T1: Hazel - Fell.

T2: Purple Leaf Plum - Fell.

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 by number on the submitted site plan and the application is accompanied by photographs of both trees.

4.3.3   The trees are positioned in the side garden of the property and to the rear of a mature, low, and well-maintained domestic hedgerow which fronts the boundary with The Quadrant. Both trees are of medium maturity and appear visually healthy. Their position within the garden is such that the trees are within close proximity to the dwelling. The trees are considered to make a contribution to the amenity value of the area however neither tree is considered to be of such quality that would warrant further protection. Notwithstanding this, the felling of the trees is considered justified.

4.3.4   In the circumstances I do not consider a Tree Preservation Order to be appropriate.

4.4           **Conclusion**

- 4.4.1 I am satisfied that the proposed felling of a Purple Leaf Plum and a Hazel 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.

**Informative/s:**

1. In an effort to combat climate change, North Hertfordshire Council advises that two native trees be planted within the garden of the property following removal of the Purple Leaf Plum and Hazel trees. Please make sure you are familiar with the planting season which runs from 1st November until 31st March, this will give the trees the best chance of survival.

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