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**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

24/02064/TCA

T1: Horse Chestnut - Reduce the limb
extending over the gravestones. T2 :
Holm Oak - Reduce overall crown by
4m. T3: Holm Oak - Reduce overall
crown by 3m

Ashwell Cemetery
Station Road
Ashwell
Hertfordshire
SG7 5LW

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan

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 Various applications, full details on case file.

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 **Ashwell Parish Council** – None received as they are the applicant.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 Ashwell cemetery is located to the northeastern side of the village and is within the Ashwell Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:

T2 - Holm Oak - Reduce overall crown by 4m.

T3 - Holm Oak - Reduce overall crown by 3m.

4.2.2 The application has been amended to delete T1 which has already received consent under 24/01872/TCA.

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 with photographs accompanying the application.

4.3.3 The trees are sited in the graveyard. Both trees are mature and offer a degree of amenity value. A reduction to the crown of the trees would mean that their height and spread is kept under control. Notwithstanding this, the works to the trees is considered justified in order to maintain their longer-term management and their continued contribution to the character and appearance of the Ashwell Conservation Area.

4.3.4 There would appear not to be any immediate threat to the trees and therefore there is no evidence to suggest further protection is needed by way of a Tree Preservation Order.

4.4 **Conclusion**

- 4.4.1 The proposed works to the trees would not harm their amenity value to a significant degree. As such, the work would not cause such harm to the character and appearance of the Ashwell 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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