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CASE OFFICER: ...Thomas Howe.....

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
24/01843/TCA	Whitebeam (2) - Remove	11 The Chilterns Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9PP

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan Photos

1.0 Policies

2.0 Site History

2.1 Various applications for tree works.

3.0 Representations

3.1 N/A

4.0 Planning Considerations

4.1 Site and Surroundings

4.1.1 The application site comprises a mid-terrace, two storey dwelling on the east side of The Chilterns in a residential part of Hitchin. The site is situated within the Hitchin Conservation Area.

4.2 Proposal

4.2.1 Consent is sought to fell 2x Whitebeam Tree.

4.3 Key Issues

4.3.1 The key issue for consideration is the impact that the proposed works would have on the character and appearance of the Hitchin Conservation Area.

1.0 The tree is located in the rear garden and would have limited visibility from the public realm.

2.0 The applicant has provided the following justification in the application form:

"Tree is dying. Arborist advised that the tree would not survive if bark continued to fall off. Bark has fallen off almost the entire circumference and trunk split."

3.0 In my view, I agree with the recommendations of the applicant. Photos are provided to demonstrate the damage to the bark on the tree. The tree is not of significant quality to warrant the further protection granted by a Tree Preservation Order.

4.4 **Conclusion**

The proposed works would not result in any unacceptable adverse impact upon the character and appearance of the Hitchin Conservation Area.

4.5 **Alternative Options**

4.5.1 None applicable

4.6 **Pre-Commencement Conditions**

4.6.1 None applicable.

5.0 **Recommendation**

5.1 No objection.

Signed  Naomi Reynard Determining Officer	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
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