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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/02054/TCA	T9 - Azela - Selective reduction on branches over path ways. T10: Cotoneaster - Crown lift to keep path clear.	Land Opposite 3 Homefield Hinxworth Hertfordshire SG7 5RX

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan

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 N/A

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

- 4.1.1 The land is located adjacent to no.3 Homefield and is within the Hinxworth Conservation Area.
- 4.1.2 It is noted that the position of the trees, as per the site location plan, shown them outside of any residential curtilage which would require the landowners consent to undertake the proposed works.

4.2 **Proposal**

- 4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:

T9 - Azela - Selective reduction on branches over pathways.
T10 - Cotoneaster - Crown lift to keep path clear.

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 plan and the application is accompanied by photographs of the trees.
- 4.3.3 Both trees would benefit from a reduction to ensure they are clear of footways.

4.3.4 The proposed works to the trees would not result in harm to their amenity value and I am satisfied that there would be no significant harm to the character and appearance of the Hinxworth Conservation Area.

4.3.5 There would appear not to be any immediate threat to 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 would be remedial, and it is therefore considered that the proposed works would not result in any unacceptable harm to the amenity value of the trees or to the character and appearance of the Hinxworth Conservation Area

5.0 **Recommendation**

5.1 **NO OBJECTION** to the proposed work.

Informative/s:

1. Please note that if you are planning to undertake works to trees outside of the boundary of your curtilage then you **MUST** obtain the consent of the landowner(s) prior to undertaking any works to the trees. It is advised that any consent be obtained in writing and retained for future reference should any dispute arise between the relevant parties.

Signed  Paul Chaston Determining Officer	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Date: 26 August 2025	