

## DELEGATED FILE NOTE

**CASE OFFICER:** ...Henry Thomas.....

| APPLICATION<br>REFERENCE | BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF<br>DEVELOPMENT                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | APPLICATION SITE                                                              |
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| 24/02574/TCA             | T1: Apple - Remove dead stems and remaining canopy reduced by approx. 20-25% to suitable growth points. T2: Conifers - Remove to ground level. T3: Horse Chesnut - Dead limb to removed back to the stem. T4: Hazel - Reduce by approx. 25-30% T5: Persian Ironwood - Shorten lateral growth back to suitable growth points and crown lifted over the Magnolia. T6: Yew - Prune to clear the phone lines. | Arana<br>6 Hitchin Road<br>Letchworth Garden City<br>Hertfordshire<br>SG6 3LL |

### Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan

## 2.0 **Relevant Site History**

- 2.1 23/02673/TCA - T1: Persian Ironwood, T2: Magnolia - Prune to shape, T3: Box Elder - Crown lift over the garden side and longer laterals shortened to balance the canopy, T4: Conifer - Remove to ground level, T5: Cherry Plum - Prune large limbs, T6: Ash - Remove lower dead branches, T7: Cherry Plum - Remove, T8: Conifer - Reduce in height lower section and lateral growth prune back over the garden side, T9, T10 & T11 Conifer - Remove and T12: Box Elder - Prune to shape and balance (amended description to include T12).

## 3.0 **Representations**

- 3.1 LGCHF – None received.

## 4.0 **Planning Considerations**

### 4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

- 4.1.1 The application site comprises of a grade II listed detached property located on the north-western side of Hitchin Road and is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

### 4.2 **Proposal**

- 4.2.1 T1: Apple - Remove dead stems and remaining canopy reduced by approx. 20-25% to suitable growth points.  
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### 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 Letchworth Conservation Area.
- ☐ T1 – T3 are located in the rear garden with limited to no visibility from the public realm and T4-T6 are located in the front garden with visibility from the public realm.
  - ☐ The proposed works to T4-T6 are remedial and would not result in its loss. The proposed scale of works is acceptable in maintaining its health and bringing the trees into a suitable level of amenity.
  - ☐ The proposed works to T1 and T3 seek to remedy dead stems / limbs. They appear to be in poor condition and I therefore have no objection to the works.
  - ☐ The application form states that  
*“Conifers adjacent the pond to be removed to ground level. These sit very close to the side of the pond and need to be removed. They are overhanging the pond too far and dropping too much foliage, being a species that they are unable to prune back to*

*anything of any substance. A full removal will improve the condition of the pond and allow us to plant a better suited species further back.”*

In my view, I agree with the comments provided and therefore have no objection to the work.

#### 4.4 **Conclusion**

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

#### 4.5 **Alternative Options**

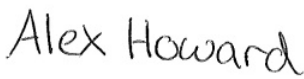
4.5.1 None applicable

#### 4.6 **Pre-Commencement Conditions**

4.6.1 None applicable.

#### 5.0 **Recommendation**

5.1 No objection.

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| <div>Signed</div> <div></div> <div>Alex Howard</div> <div>Determining Officer</div> | <div>Development Management<br/>North Hertfordshire District Council<br/>Council Offices<br/>Gernon Road<br/>Letchworth<br/>Herts<br/>SG6 3JF</div> |
| <div>Date: 9 December 2024</div>                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                                     |