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CASE OFFICER: …Jo Cousins……

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
18/00514/TPO	2 x Conifers - Fell	Land At Letchworth Free Church Hall And Free Church Gernon Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

1.1 None

2.0 Relevant History

2.1 None.

3.0 Representations

3.1 No consultations undertaken.

4.0 Planning Considerations

4.1 **Site & Surroundings**

4.1.1 The application site is on the northern side of Gernon Road and the western side of Norton Way South within the Letchworth Conservation Area. The trees in question are visible from Rowland Way being situated adjacent to the western end of the Free Church Building.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 The application proposes the removal of two large conifers that are located very close to the existing building at its western end. The trees are visible from

surrounding roads and make some contribution to the visual amenity of the area.

4.3 **Key Issues**

.3.1 The conifer trees are located in a prominent position and appear to be in good condition and form. However they are large and close to the adjoining building and are of a species that are not native. They are beginning to cause a nuisance and in my view would not be worthy of individual Tree Preservation Orders and were probably planted after the making of the blanket TPO for this site. I do not consider that there loss would be so significant to resist the works as requested.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 I consider that the works will not affect the character of the site or the visual amenities of the Conservation Area. There are other trees in the vicinity of good quality which will maintain the peasant nature of the site.

5.1 **Recommendation**

4.4.1 Consent to works as requested (no conditions applicable).

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