

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

CASE OFFICER: ...William Thompson.....

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/02276/TCA	T1: Beech - Reduce by 2-3m all over to maintain shape and size. T2: Sycamore group - Remove 2 branches to lift off over driveway. T3: Yew - Reduce by 4m in height to maintain shape and size. T4: Muti stemmed Sycamore - Reduce by 2-3m all over to maintain shape and size.	5 Norton Way North Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 1BY

Submitted Plan Nos

Sketch 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 Multiple TCAs determined as No Objection.

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 **Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation** – None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The application site is located on 5 Norton Way North, Letchworth Garden City and is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

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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 location plan and are located in the front and rear gardens.

4.3.3 The trees are visible or somewhat visible from the streetscene, so hold amenity value. The proposed works are remedial and are not considered to cause unacceptable harm to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.

4.3.4 Due to the above reasons, I do not consider there a need to issue a Tree Preservation Order.

4.4 **Conclusion**

- 4.4.1 The proposed work to the trees would not cause such harm to the character and appearance of the Letchworth Conservation Area as to overcome the justification for the work.

5.0 **Recommendation**

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

Signed  Ben Glover	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 7 October 2025	