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

**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

25/02450/TCA

Sycamore - Fell and poison (ecoplugs)

65b Station Road
Letchworth Garden City
Hertfordshire
SG6 3BJ

Submitted Plan Nos

Tree report

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 relevant.

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 N/a

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The application site is located on 65b Station Road, Letchworth Garden City and is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Sycamore - Fell and poison (ecoplugs)

4.3 **Key Issues**

4.3.1 The key issues in determining this application are: the amenity value of the tree; 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 tree is identified on the submitted location plan and is located overhangs the western boundary.

4.3.3 As the tree is visible from the public realm, it holds some amenity value. The works to fell and poison the tree are justified as it is in poor structural condition with a lapsed pollard with an extensive cavity at the crown break and would, therefore, not be considered a worthy enough specimen to warrant a TPO. This is supported by an arboricultural report.

4.3.4 Due to the above reasons, I do not consider the tree to be of high enough public amenity value to warrant a Tree Preservation Order.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 The proposed work to the tree 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	