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

**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

25/01445/TCA

BEQG003: Mixed Group - Reduce back
from Structure by up to 2m. BEQT035:
Hornbeam - Remove

Land Adj To 1 Copper Beech Drive
Letchworth Garden City
Hertfordshire
SG6 3AY

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan

1.0 Policies

.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 LGCHF – No response.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The application site relates to a triangular area of land comprising of residential properties and their associated gardens between Spring Road and Broadwater Avenue and is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:

BEQG003: Mixed Group - Reduce back from structure by up to 2m.
BEQT035: Hornbeam - Remove

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 which shows a mature row of trees to the rear of nos.41-47 Broadwater Avenue. The proposed works would see the width of the overhang of the mixed group reduced by 2 metres and a failing tree removed. The works to the mixed group are considered remedial and the removal of a Hornbeam is due to failure.

4.3.3 There is amenity value in the trees and the proposed works would not, in my view, undermine this. As such I am satisfied that the proposed works appear reasonable and justified in order to ensure the longer-term management of the group as a whole.

4.3.4 There would appear not to be any immediate threat to the remaining 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 to the mixed group and the felling of a Hornbeam would not harm the amenity value of the group to a significant degree. As such, the work 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 <i>S. Kasparian</i> Sarah Kasparian	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 8 July 2025	