

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/00038/TCA	T1, T2, T3: Plum - Reduce height by approx 25-30%. T4: Red Plum - Thin and crown reduce approx 25%.	Crossways London Road Barley Royston Hertfordshire SG8 8JB

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan

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 Various applications, full case history on file.

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 N/A

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 Crossways is located to the south of the junction with the High Street, London Road and Church End and occupies an elevated position within the Barley Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:

T1, T2, T3: Plum - Reduce height by approx 25-30%.
T4: Red Plum - Thin and crown reduce approx 25%.

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.

4.3.3 All of the trees are located to the rear of the dwelling with trees T1, T2 and T3 being located to the southern boundary with Crossways estate and T4 being located to the northern boundary with London Road. The proposed works would comprise of general maintenance and is considered reasonable and justified. As such, I am satisfied that the works are necessary to ensure the longer-term management of the trees.

- 4.3.4 There would appear not to be any immediate threat to the 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 trees would not harm their amenity value to a significant degree. As such, the work would not cause such harm to the character and appearance of the Barley 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: 14 January 2025	