

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

CASE OFFICER: ...Henry Thomas.....

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/00690/TCA	T1: Group Beech - 20% crown reduction (3.5-4m) removal of any dead or redundant limbs. T2: Beech - Dismantle to leave a safe monolith. T3: Group Beech - 20% crown reduction (3.5-4m) with the removal of any dead or redundant limbs. T4: Yew - Prune back by 2m. Crown lift to 1m.	Maplefield The Causeway Therfield Royston Hertfordshire SG8 9PP

Submitted Plan Nos

Sketch location plan Photos

1.0 Policies

2.0 Site History

- 2.1 24/02290/TCA - T1, T2: Larch - Fell
- 2.2 22/01147/TCA - Twin stemmed Sycamore - 50% crown reduction and thinning. Mixed Sycamores - Crown reduction and thinning. 3x Larch - Dismantle to low stumps.
- 2.3 21/03290/TCA - Various tree works as per survey

3.0 Representations

- 3.1 None.

4.0 Planning Considerations

4.1 Site and Surroundings

- 4.1.1 The site is a detached two storey dwelling on the west side of The Causeway within a residential part of Therfield. The site is located within the Therfield Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

- 4.2.1 T1: Group Beech - 20% crown reduction (3.5-4m) removal of any dead or redundant limbs. T2: Beech - Dismantle to leave a safe monolith.
T3: Group Beech - 20% crown reduction (3.5-4m) with the removal of any dead or redundant limbs.
T4: Yew - Prune back by 2m. Crown lift to 1m.

4.3 **Key Issues**

- 4.3.1 The key issue for consideration is the impact that the proposed works would have on the character and appearance of the Therfield Conservation Area.
- 1.0 The trees are located to the rear of the property and are not visible from the public highway.
- 2.0 The proposed works to the T1, T3 and T4 are remedial and would not harm the significance or the health of the tree. The proposed scale of the works would be appropriate in maintaining the tree.
- 3.0 The applicant has stated that T2 is *"showing severe rot in the main stem from 7.5 meters upward, so it is recommended that the majority of the tree above this region is dismantled to leave a safe monolith, which will be a habitat for wildlife in the garden"*. In my view, the tree appears to be in poor condition therefore I agree with the arboriculturists recommendation.

4.4 **Conclusion**

The proposed works would not result in any unacceptable adverse impact upon the character and appearance of the Therfield Conservation Area.

4.5 **Alternative Options**

- 4.5.1 None applicable

4.6 **Pre-Commencement Conditions**

- 4.6.1 None applicable.

5.0 **Recommendation**

- 5.1 No objection.

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