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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/00764/TCA	T2: Purple Crab Apple - Prune branches to clear lamp by 1m	Land Off Campfield Way Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 4XH

Submitted Plan Nos

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 12/01935/1TCA - Crown lift four Crab Apple trees (T000643, T000650, T000620 and T000621 on plan) 2.5 metres over footpath and 5.5 metres over road. Reduce three Crab Apple trees (T000638, T000630 and T000634 on plan) by up to 3 metres to clear buildings. Prune one Crab Apple tree (T000625 on plan) to clear telephone lines. No objection.

3.0 **Representations**

- 3.1 LGCHF – None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

- 4.1.1 The tree is located on an area of amenity land to the front of no.10 Campfield Way and is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

- 4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:
T2: Purple Crab Apple - Prune branches to clear lamp by 1 metre.

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 as T2 on the submitted plan.
- 4.3.3 The proposed works would ensure the branches of the tree are clear of an existing streetlamp and are therefore considered reasonable and justified. The tree has high public amenity value given its position fronting Campfield Way.
- 4.3.4 There would appear not to be any immediate threat to tree 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 would be remedial and would not result in the loss of the tree. It is therefore considered that the proposed works would not result in any unacceptable harm to the amenity value of the tree or to the character and appearance of the Letchworth Conservation Area

5.0 **Recommendation**

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

Informative/s:

1. In addition to this approval, and prior to undertaking the proposed works to the tree, you **MUST** make sure you have obtained the written consent of the Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation (where applicable).

Signed  Sarah Kasparian	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 22 April 2025	