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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
24/01430/TCA	T1, T2 Plum - Reduce top and front growth, restore shape, crown clean by max. 30%. T3 Chestnut - Reduce outlying growth to restore shape, crown clean by max. 15%. T4 Apple - Reduce outlying growth to restore shape, crown clean by max. 20%	42 Broadwater Avenue Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3HJ

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 Various applications for tree works, full details on case file.

3.0 **Representations**

- 3.1 LGCHF – None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

- 4.1.1 The application site is located on the eastern side of Broadwater Avenue and within the Letchworth Conservation Area. Trees T1, T2 and T3 are located in the rear garden with both T1 and T2 alongside the party boundary with no.15 Gorst Close. T4 is located in the front garden and close to the party boundary with the neighbouring property to the south no.44 Broadwater Avenue.

4.2 **Proposal**

- 4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:

T1, T2 Plum - Reduce top and front growth, restore shape, crown clean by max. 30%.
T3 Chestnut - Reduce outlying growth to restore shape, crown clean by max. 15%. T4
Apple - Reduce outlying growth to restore shape, crown clean by max. 20%

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 as T1, T2, T3 and T4 on the submitted site plan.
- 4.3.3 T4 occupied a prominent frontage position and has a degree of both public and private amenity value. The remaining trees within the rear garden afford some private amenity between neighbouring properties.
- 4.3.4 All of the trees are mature and appear visually healthy. Notwithstanding this, the works to the trees is considered justified in order to maintain their longer-term management and their continued contribution to the character and appearance of the Letchworth Conservation Area. 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 Letchworth Conservation Area as to overcome the justification for the work.

5.0 **Recommendation**

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

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Determining Officer Date: 30 July 2024	