

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/02682/TCA	T1, T2: Conifer - Remove. T4: Prunus - Prune. T5, T6: Bay - Prune width and lower height by upto 1m. T7: Apple - Remove branches extending over fence line and thin and reduce by 1.5m or nearest suitable growth points	114 West View Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3QJ

Submitted Plan Nos

Sketch location plan Photos

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

2.1 22/00722/TCA - Eucalyptus - Fell

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 **LGCHF** – None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The application site comprises a semi-detached two storey dwelling on the south side of West View in a residential part of Letchworth Garden City. The site is situated within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

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T4: Prunus - Prune.

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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 Letchworth Conservation Area.

- The trees are located in the rear garden with limited to no visibility from the public realm.
- The application form states that:
 - “T1 Large conifer, one sided devoid of branches, to close proximity of other conifer - remove
 - T2 Tall thin conifer missing some lower branches due to wind damage – remove
 - T3 Assumed dead tree as all no live growth this year, house holder cut down for safety reasons - removed
 - T4 Small prunus mis shaped due to shade and proximity to conifers - prune
 - T5 & T6 wide and tall bay trees swamping adjoining shrubs - prune width and lower height by upto 1 metre
 - T7 very old apple tree, only been pruned once int the last 30 years - remove branches extending over fence line and thin and reduce by 1.5 metres or nearest suitable growth points”
- The proposed works to T4-T7 are remedial and would not harm the significance or the health of the trees. The proposed scale of the works would be appropriate in maintaining the trees.

- T3 is identified as 'dead' on the application form whilst T1 and T3 are identified as being in poor condition. In my view, all three trees would not be in a condition suitable for the further protection of a Tree Preservation Order nor of significant public amenity value. As such I have no objection to their removal.

4.4 **Conclusion**

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

Signed <i>S. Kasparian</i> Sarah Kasparian	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 18 November 2025	