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CASE OFFICER: ...William Thompson.....

**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

25/00420/TCA

TR1: Whitebeam - Crown reduce by 2-3m to maintain size and shape for the area.

8 The Ridge
Letchworth Garden City
Hertfordshire
SG6 1PP

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan Photo

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 23/01403/TCA - TR2 Ash - Crown reduce by 3-4m

11/01424/1TCA - Reduction in height of 1 Leylandii tree by approximately 30%.
No Objection
No Objection

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation – None received

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The application site is located on The Ridge, LGC and is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 TR1: Whitebeam - Crown reduce by 2-3m to maintain size and shape for the area.

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 on the submitted location plan and is located along a highway in front of 8 The Ridge.

4.3.3 The tree appears visually healthy and the applicant has not submitted an arboricultural report to dispute this. The tree is highly visible from the street scene so has amenity value; however, the works are remedial and will not harm the character and appearance of the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.3.4 Due to the above reasons, I do not consider there a need to issue a Tree Preservation Order.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 The proposed work to the trees 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.

Signed  Melissa Tyler	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 17 March 2025	