

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/02117/TCA	T0705: Scots Pine - Prune back from TV aerial by approx 1.5m to suitable growth points	26 Field Lane Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3LE

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 Full history on case file.

3.0 Representations

- 3.1 N/A

4.0 Planning Considerations

4.1 Site and Surroundings

- 4.1.1 The site lies on the east side of Field Lane and is within the Letchworth Conservation Area. The Scots Pine tree is located between the dwelling at the application site and no.24 Field Lane.

4.2 Proposal

4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:

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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 plan and the application is accompanied by a Tree Report dated 20/08/2025 which references the tree as 0705.

4.3.3 The Tree Report identifies that work is required to reduce the overhang to a TV aerial box. A reduction of 1.5 metres to suitable growth points would appear reasonable and justified in order to ensure the longer-term management of the tree.

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.

Signed	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth
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