

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

25/02205/TCA

Beech - Reduction of the canopy by
50%.

5 Pond Lane

Baldock

Hertfordshire

SG7 5AS

Submitted Plan Nos

Sketch location plan Photos

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 southeast side of Pond Lane and is within the Baldock Conservation Area. The Beech tree is located in the rear garden of the property.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:

- ☐ Beech – Reduction of the canopy by 50%

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 an undated covering letter and photographs of the tree.

4.3.3 The covering letter states that the mature tree has a significant extent of dieback throughout the canopy and to address the decline a proposed reduction is advised. The dieback is evident from the submitted photographs, and the advised reduction is considered reasonable and justified in order to maintain 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.

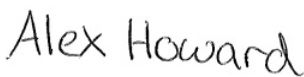
4.4 **Conclusion**

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 Baldock Conservation Area.

5.0 **Recommendation**

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

Signed  Alex Howard Determining Officer	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Date: 12 September 2025	