

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/00026/TCA	T1: Elder - Remove to ground level (as amended by plan received on 15/01/2025).	19 Silver Street Ashwell Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5QJ

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 None.

3.0 **Representations**

- 3.1 Ashwell Parish Council – None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

- 4.1.1 The property is located on the south east side of Silver Street and is within the Ashwell Conservation Area.
- 4.1.2 The Elder tree is positioned in the rear garden alongside the party boundary with the neighbouring property to the east known as no.17 Silver Street.

4.2 **Proposal**

- 4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:

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- 4.2.2 The application has been amended to show the tree in the rear garden as opposed to the front garden of the property.

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.
- 4.3.3 From the photograph submitted in support of the application, it is clear that the tree has been heavily pruned in the past which has resulted in a poor growth form. The tree in its present state, offers no amenity value and does not contribute towards the wider

character and appearance of the Ashwell Conservation Area. As a result of this, I am satisfied that there would be no merit in retaining the tree.

4.3.4 A Tree Preservation Order would not be appropriate for the reasons set out in 4.3.3.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 The felling of the Elder tree would not cause such harm to the character and appearance of the Ashwell Conservation Area as to overcome the justification for the work.

4.4.2 I do not consider a replacement tree to be appropriate in this location due to the size of the rear garden.

5.0 **Recommendation**

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

Signed  Tom Rea	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer	
Date: 12 February 2025	