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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/01055/TCA	T1: Maple - Lift to 5m. T2: Ash - Prune out dead top. T3: Maple - Prune out dead top	The Old Granary Church End Barley Royston Hertfordshire SG8 8JW

Submitted Plan Nos

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 N/A

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The Old Granary is located on the north side of Church End and lies within the Barley Conservation Area. Residential gardens associated with properties on Bankside are situated to the west of the site, while to the rear lies the outdoor recreational space associated with Barley CofE VC Frist School.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:

T1: Maple - Lift to 5m.

T2: Ash - Prune out dead top.

T3: Maple - Prune out dead top

4.3 **Key Issues**

4.3.1 The key issues in determining this application are; the amenity value of the trees; 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 trees are identified on the submitted plan and are situated along the rear party boundary of the site.

4.3.3 The description of the proposed works indicate that the trees are mature, and that the works are necessary to maintain their health and longer-term management particularly given the overhang with the boundary to the outdoor recreational space to the north.

4.3.4 There are limited views of the trees from the public realm and therefore there would be no significant visual harm to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.

4.3.5 There would appear not to be any immediate threat to the trees 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 not harm the amenity value of the trees to a significant degree. As such, the work will not cause such harm to the character and appearance of the Barley Conservation Area as to overcome the justification for the work.

5.0 **Recommendation**

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

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Determining Officer Date: 27 April 2026	