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

**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

24/02212/TCA

7x Conifer - Remove

50 Broadwater Avenue

Letchworth Garden City

Hertfordshire

SG6 3HJ

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan Report Sketch location plan Report

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 12/01586/1TCA - Reduce 1 Wild Cherry Tree by 15-20%.

No Objection

16/01077/1TCA - Fell 4 Conifer Trees (T1-T4) Shorten longer limbs by approximately 1.5-2 metre 1 Cherry Tree (T5)

No Objection

17/02572/1TCA - T1 Cherry - Reduce by approx. 25-30%.

No Objection

22/02313/TCA - T1 Hornbeam, T2 Conifer - Remove to ground level. T3 Cherry - Reduce by approx. 25-30% to suitable lateral growth points%.

No Objection

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 LGCHF – None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

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

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 7x Conifer - Remove

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 location plan and are located in the rear garden.

4.3.3 The trees are mature but have been placed too close together and have become too large to continue growing in a healthy manner

4.3.4 When viewing the site from the street scene the trees are highly visible and therefore contributes some towards the character and appearance of the Letchworth Conservation Area; however, the applicant is set to replace them with more appropriate native trees.

4.3.5 Due to the above reasons, I do not consider the trees to be of high enough public amenity value to warrant 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 <i>Andrew Hunter</i> Andrew Hunter	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
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Date: 25 October 2024	