

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/02443/TCA	T1: Yew - Remove lower growth to prevent further damage to gate and free up access to the house, lift lower branches and remove any remaining branches that stick out - 10% overall reduction. T2: Dead plum - Fell to ground level. T3: Plum - Remove large branches overhanging greenhouse, Remove deadwood and suckers from main stem - 30% reduction T4: Maple - Remove two lowest branches blocking light to garden greenhouse, 10% reduction	120 Ridge Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 1PT

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan Photos

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 relevant.

3.0 **Representations**

- 3.1 **Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation** – None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

- 4.1.1 The application site is located on 120 Ridge Road, Letchworth Garden City and is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

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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 T1 is located in the front garden and T2, T3 and T4 are located in the rear garden.
- 4.3.3 As the trees are located are all visible from the public realm in varying degrees, they hold amenity value. The proposed works to T1, T3 and T4 are remedial and would not

affect the character and appearance of the Conservation Area. The works to fell T2 are justified as it is dead and would, therefore, not be considered a worthy enough specimen to warrant a TPO.

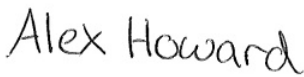
- 4.3.4 Due to the above reasons, I do not consider the trees to be of high enough public amenity value to warrant a Tree Preservation Order.

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  Alex Howard Determining Officer Date: 28 October 2025	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF