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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/01057/TCA	T1: Ash - Remove deadwood. T2: Eucalyptus - Reduce crown (reduce height of western stem to approx 5m to remove deadwood and reduce retained limb to limit its exposure after reduction. Reduce eastern stem by approx 1m to balance and reduce sail	3 Letchworth Lane Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3ND

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan

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 LGCHF – None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The site where the tree works are proposed relates to an area of land to the rear of Harefield which is located on the east side of Letchworth Lane and within the Letchworth Conservation Area. Nos. 2-4 incl Letchworth Lane are grade II listed buildings.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:

T1: Ash - Remove deadwood.

T2: Eucalyptus - Reduce crown (reduce height of western stem to approx 5m to remove deadwood and reduce retained limb to limit its exposure after reduction.

Reduce eastern stem by approx 1m to balance and reduce sail.

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 the application is accompanied by a Tree Report dated 17/04/2025.

4.3.3 The Tree Report identifies the proposed works as preliminary recommendations, and the photographs contained within the report show the works to be remedial which is reasonable and justified in order to maintain the longer-term management of the trees.

4.3.4 I am satisfied that the proposed works would not result in harm to the amenity value of the trees and that there would be no significant harm to the character or appearance of the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.3.5 There would appear not to be any immediate threat to 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 to trees would not harm their amenity value to a significant degree. As such, the work would not cause such harm to the character or 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  Melissa Tyler	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 14 May 2025	