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**CASE OFFICER:** ...Alex Howard.....

| APPLICATION<br>REFERENCE | BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF<br>DEVELOPMENT                                                                                                                                                             | APPLICATION SITE                                                                 |
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| 25/00922/TCA             | G1: Group of mixed Ash and Hazel -<br>Reduce in height back to previous<br>pruning points. Appointment 2m<br>reduction. On some Hazels 2.5m. T2:<br>Horse Chestnut - Remove to ground<br>level. | 93 Back Street<br><br>Ashwell<br><br>Baldock<br><br>Hertfordshire<br><br>SG7 5PG |

**Submitted Plan Nos**

Location plan Photos

**1.0     Policies**

**Notes:**

- ⑦ The following works and associated rationale are proposed under this application:  
*"G1: Group of mixed Ash and Hazel - Reduce in height back to previous pruning points. Appointment 2m reduction. On some Hazels 2.5m. T2: Horse Chestnut - Remove to ground level".*
- ⑦ The rationale for the proposed works is as follows:  
*"For maintenance purposes. The felling is due to lower trunk starting to decay. Due to Guignardia aesculi brackets, crown showing signs of decline, trunk has multiple fungal brackets. If trunk was to fail, tree is likely to cause damage".*
- ⑦ In my view, the proposed works/removal of these trees are acceptable, as they amount to reasonable maintenance works that will maintain the health of the tree whilst allowing a suitable standard of amenity. The removal is acceptable given the above rationale.
- ⑦ Ashwell Parish Council have no objections to this proposal subject to the replanting of a suitable tree in place of the Horse Chestnut. This is considered reasonable, and the applicant has agreed to this request.
- ⑦ The works will not result in any harm upon the character of the Conservation Area.
- ⑦ The trees are not worthy of further protection via a TPO.
- ⑦ No objection.

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| <p>Signed</p>  <p>Melissa Tyler</p> | <p>Development Management<br/>North Hertfordshire District Council<br/>Council Offices<br/>Gernon Road<br/>Letchworth<br/>Herts<br/>SG6 3JF</p> |
| <p>Determining Officer</p> <p><b>Date:</b> 14 May 2025</p>                                                             |                                                                                                                                                 |

