

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/01115/TCA	T1: Ash Leaf Maple - Remove partially failed co dominant stem back to hedge height leaving remaining co dominant stem intact, removing 6m.	Dalnyveed Bakers Lane Barley Royston Hertfordshire SG8 8HJ

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan

1.0 Policies

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 Various applications for tree works full site history on case file.

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 N/A.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The application site is a triangular piece of land located on the north side of the High Street between Royston Road and Barkers Lane and is within the Barley Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:

T1: Ash Leaf Maple - Remove partially failed co dominant stem back to hedge height leaving remaining co dominant stem intact, removing 6m.

4.3 **Key Issues**

4.3.1 The key issues in determining this application are: the amenity value of the tree; 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 tree is identified on the submitted plan and the agent has provided an email dated 9th May 2025 outlining the need for the proposed works which states that the two trunks of the tree have moved away from each other over time resulting in the co-dominant stem having a very heavy lean over a swimming pool with a potential threat of failure. The proposed reduction would seek stabilize the more dominant stem to secure the longer-term management of the tree.

4.3.3 I am satisfied that the proposed works appear reasonable and justified would not impact on the amenity value of the tree to any significant degree and that no significant harm would be caused to the character or appearance of the Barley Conservation Area.

4.3.4 There would appear not to be any immediate threat to tree 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 tree to a significant degree. As such, the work would not cause such harm to the character or 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.

Signed  Melissa Tyler	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 13 May 2025	