

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

CASE OFFICER: ...Francis Mabbett.....

**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

26/00837/TCA

T1: Lime - Lift crown to approx 6m

504 Broadway

Letchworth Garden City

Hertfordshire

SG6 3PT

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

01/00120/1TCA - Crown reduce Cherry tree by 25%, remove and shorten branches of Lime and Plum trees and shape and prune flowering Crab Apple – No objection

04/01367/1TCA - Remove Hawthorn Tree. – No objection

05/00113/1TCA - Pruning hedgerow trees (Ash, Lime and Hawthorn) which form boundary between 502 and 504 Broadway. – No objection

13/00825/1TCA - Removal of 2 Prunus Trees– No objection

16/02557/1TCA - Reduction of one Cherry tree on driveway by 30%, thin through and lift crown. – No objection

19/01766/TCA - T1 Lime - Reduce by 25% . T2 Cherry - Reduce by 15%

22/03145/TCA - T1 Cherry - Lift crown to approx 5m. T2 Lime - Clear stem of epicormic growth to crown break. T3 Walnut - Shorten heavy branch by approx 4m. – No objection

3.0 **Representations**

None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site**

T1 Lime (applicant's plan) is located in the SW corner boundary of the side garden. The tree is highly visible to the public realm and to surrounding properties. The site is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

T1 Lime – Lift crown to approx. 6m

4.3 **Key Issues**

The key issue for consideration is the impact that the proposed works would have on the character, appearance and amenity of the Conservation Area.

4.3.1 The tree is highly visible to the public realm.

4.3.2 The Lime is a mature tree with a crown that encroaches onto neighbouring properties and hangs low over the driveway and pavement. A 6m lift will see the removal or pruning of only minor branches and should have minimal effect on the tree's health and visual appearance. The works are necessary to stop low branches coming into contact with vehicles using the neighbouring driveway and pedestrians using the

footpath/pavement. The impact of the proposed works on the amenity of the surrounding area is considered to be minimal.

4.4 Conclusion

- 4.4.1 The proposed works would not result in any unacceptable adverse impact upon the character, appearance and amenity of the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.5 Alternative Options

- 4.5.1 None applicable

4.6 Pre-Commencement Conditions

- 4.6.1 None applicable

5.0 Recommendation

- 5.1 No objection.

Signed  Naomi Reynard	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 30 April 2026	