

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

CASE OFFICER: ...Kayleigh Aberly.....

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/02007/TCA	T1 - Sycamore : Prune canopy back. 1.5m	Three Tuns 6 High Street Ashwell Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5NL

Submitted Plan Nos

2.0 **Relevant Site History**

- 2.1 88/01691/1TCA: Reduction and thinning of crown of a Sycamore and ash tree. 26.09.1988 – No objection
- 2.2 95/00050/1TCA: Crown reduction by 20% of Sycamore tree and pruning of Ash tree. 23.01.1995 – No objection
- 2.3 01/01139/1TCA: Pruning of Ash tree. 18.07.2001 – No objection
- 2.4 07/02398/1TCA: Remove one Ash tree. 27.11.2007 – No objection
- 2.5 09/02120/1TCA: Remove one Sycamore Tree. 16.12.2009 – No objection
- 2.6 10/00912/1TCA: Remove one Leylandii Tree. 27.05.2010 – No objection
- 2.7 18/01006/TCA: T1 Sycamore - Reduce by 2.5 - 3m and 3 - 4m epicormic growth. 30.04.2018 – No objection
- 2.8 21/00374/TCA: T1 Sycamore - Lift over roof and car park to upright limbs. T2 Ash - Lift over car park to upright limbs. 17.03.2021 – No objection
- 2.9 21/00598/TCA: Sycamore x 3 Crown reduce by up to 4m to good viable growth points. Sycamore x 1 Crown reduce by up to 3m to good viable growth points. Ash x 1 Repollard back to old points. Ash x 1 Crown reduce by up to 3m back to good visible growth points. 11.03.2021 – No objection
- 2.10 21/01979/TCA: T1 Sycamore - Fell tree to ground level. 10.08.2021 – No objection
- 2.11 21/03495/TCA: T1 Sycamore - Fell to ground level. 19.01.2021 – No objection
- 2.12 22/00225/TCA: Various tree works including removal as per survey. 14.02.2022 – No objection
- 2.13 25/01446/TCA: Goat Willow - 1.5m reduction back to boundary suitable growth points. 04.07.2025 – No objection.

3.0 **Representations**

- 3.1 No representations received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

- 4.1.1 The tree is located in the amenity area to the rear of the site of The Three Tuns public house and is within the Ashwell Conservation Area. The tree is within the public realm although not visible from the Highway.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:

T1 - Sycamore : Prune canopy back. 1.5m

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 location plan.

4.3.3 The proposal enables remedial works to be undertaken to the tree, which is considered reasonable and would help secure its longer-term management and retain the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.

4.3.4 There is no threat to the tree, therefore I do not consider a Tree Preservation Order to be appropriate.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 The proposed works would not result in the loss of the tree. It is therefore considered that the works would not result in any unacceptable harm to the amenity value of the tree, nor to the character and appearance of the Ashwell Conservation Area that would outweigh the justification for the works.

5.0 **Recommendation**

5.1 **NO OBJECTION** to the proposed work.

Informative/s:

1. The applicant is advised that it is their responsibility to contact and inform the land owner and make arrangements for access to carry out the proposed works.

Signed  Intan Keen	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 3 September 2026	