

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

CASE OFFICER: ...Kayleigh Abery.....

**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

26/01984/TCA

Sycamore - Removal. Willow - Reduce
by approx 40%. Lime - Remove
overhanging branches.

Melverley

Pixmore Way

Letchworth Garden City

Hertfordshire

SG6 1QP

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Relevant Site History**

2.1 08/00985/1TCA: Felling of 1 Hornbeam tree. 15.05.2008 – **No objection**

2.2 22/00425/TCA: Lime – Remove. 22.02.2022 – **No objection**

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 No representations received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The site is located along Pixmore Way, Letchworth Garden City and is within the Letchworth Conservation Area. The amenity is abundant with a variety of trees and Melverley is located within close proximity to the public green space Howard Park and Gardens.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:

(T1) Sycamore - Removal.

(T2) Willow - Reduce by approx 40%.

(T3-10)Lime - Remove overhanging branches.

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 location plan.

4.3.3 The proposal seeks to remove T1 (Sycamore) which has failed to thrive and now appears to have died bringing a risk of falling, therefore its felling is deemed acceptable. T2 (Willow) proposes a heavy cut back of 40% to allow the tree to have balance and preventing it from being top heavy. The remaining trees T3-10 (Lime) are due to have minor cutting back. The proposal for trees (T2-10) enables remedial works to be undertaken to the trees, which are considered reasonable and would help secure their longer-term management and retain the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.

4.3.4 The proposal seeks to fell T1 (Sycamore). The tree is in the rear garden and is a significant size however, it is no longer able to make a contribution to the Conservation

Area. There is no threat to the remaining trees, I do not consider a Tree Preservation Order to be appropriate in this instance.

4.4 **Conclusion**

- 4.4.1 The proposed works would not result in unacceptable harm of the amenity value of the retained trees. The character and appearance of Letchworth Conservation Area will be intact which justifies the works.

5.0 **Recommendation**

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

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