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CASE OFFICER: …Melissa Tyler……

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
18/00491/TCA	Horse Chestnut (T89) - Fell	St Christopher School Barrington Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3JZ

Submitted Plan Nos
Location plan

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

2.1 Various notifications for works to trees within the School grounds.

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 None

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 Part of the extensive St Christopher School site within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Removal of one Horse Chestnut tree - the application states the following:-

fell because of poor tree health - signs of decay, dieback, fungal growth. Tree in busy area of school site with heavy foot traffic around it. Recommended felling from Tree Safety Inspection Survey carried out by Maydencroft. Will replant with one standard tree on school site.

4.3 **Key Issues**

4.3.1 If the work is considered inappropriate is the tree worthy of the further protection afforded by a TPO.

4.3.2 Assessment – the tree is in a poor condition and is close to a footpath and access road. It is not of such significant public amenity value, in good health or such a fine specimen as to warrant the making of a specific TPO.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 In this instance no objections raised as the tree is not worthy of further protection in my view.

5.0 **Recommendation**

5.1 No objection.

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