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CASE OFFICER: ...William Thompson.....

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/02052/TCA	T1: Walnut - Reduce crown by approx 2m to suitable growth points, reducing lever arm effect. T2: Ash - Fell to ground level.	Allotment Gardens Lytton Avenue Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3HY

Submitted Plan Nos

Tree report

1.0 Policies

1.0 **Planning Practice Guidance**

- 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 TCA applications all determined as No Objection

3.0 **Representations**

- 3.1 N/a

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

- 4.1.1 The application site is located on the Allotment Gardens, Lytton Avenue , Letchworth Garden City and is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

- 4.2.1 T1: Walnut - Reduce crown by approx 2m to suitable growth points, reducing lever arm effect. T2: Ash - Fell to ground level.

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 and are located around the perimeter of the Allotment Gardens.
- 4.3.3 The trees are not visible from the streetscene but are in a communal space, so hold some amenity value. The works to T1 are remedial and are not considered to cause unacceptable harm to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area. The works to fell T2 are supported by an arboricultural report and it would not be considered a worthy enough specimen to warrant a TPO.
- 4.3.4 Due to the above reasons, I do not consider there a need to issue a Tree Preservation Order.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 The proposed work to the trees would not cause such harm to the character and appearance of the Letchworth Conservation Area as to overcome the justification for the work.

5.0 **Recommendation**

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

Signed  Paul Chaston Determining Officer	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Date: 28 August 2025	