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CASE OFFICER: …Jo Cousins……

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
18/00775/TPO	T31 Ash - Crown reduce by 3m. T33 Hornbeam - Crown reduce by 1.5m. T34 Hornbeam - Crown reduce by 3m. T32 Sycamore - Crown reduce by 3m.	20 Sollershott West Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3PX

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 Relevant History

None

3.0 Representations

No consultations were made.

4.0 Planning Considerations

4.1 **Site & Surroundings**

The trees are within the d rear garden of the property. The whole site is covered by a Conservation Area and the trees at the rear of the property are covered by an Area TPO. As such two applications have been made - one for works to trees in a conservation area (18/00790/TCA) and this application for works to trees covered by TPO 50.

4.2 **Proposal**

T31 Ash- Crown reduce by up to 3m due to stem decay and over extended, crossing limbs.
T33 Hornbeam - Crown reduce by 1.5m due to stem decay.

T34 Hornbeam- Crown reduce by up to 3m to allow more light in to neighbouring properties.
T32 Sycamore- Repeat crown reduction of up to 3m.

4.3 **Key Issues**

The proposed works are fairly extensive, however they appear to be necessary for the long-term management of the trees on the site. In particular some of the works are required for safety reasons. I do not consider that there are any objections to the proposed works, as the amenity value of the trees on the site would be maintained and improved in the longer term. In my opinion the proposed works to the trees covered by a TPO would not have an adverse impact on the amenity value of the group TPO 50.

4.4 **Conclusion**

No objections to the removal of and works to trees subject to a Tree Preservation Order.

5.0 **Recommendation**

5.1 That consent be **GRANTED** subject to the following conditions:

1. The works shall be undertaken only by a competent and suitably qualified arboricultural contractor or tree surgeon as capable of carrying them out to an acceptable standard.

   Reason: In order that the works are undertaken by a suitably qualified contractor.

2. The works shall be carried out to conform to British Standard 3998 - Recommendations for Tree Work and in a manner so as to ensure that the natural and aesthetic appearance of the trees are maintained to the satisfaction of the Local Planning Authority.

   Reason: In order to ensure that the works are undertaken to an acceptable standard which will not harm the health of the tree(s).

Signed Simon Ellis Determining Officer	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF

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