

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/00553/TCA	T1: Maple - Remove close to ground level	The Fox 37 High Street Pirton Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 3PS

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan Report

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 01/00897/1TCA - Felling of 1 Plum and 2 Elder trees

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 the north side of Wilbury Road, LGC and is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 T1: Maple - Remove close to ground level

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 in the rear garden.

4.3.4 While the tree is partially visible from the streetscene, so holds some amenity value, it is early-mature and has the potential to cause damage to the adjacent listed building, per the arboricultural report. Therefore, the specimen is not deemed worthy of a TPO.

4.3.5 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  Naomi Reynard	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 4 April 2025	