

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

CASE OFFICER: ...Vicki Wood.....

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/01817/TCA	Copper Beech tree : reduce crown/shape and prune by 20%. 3 no. Silver Birch Trees : light prune and shaping at top and sides by approx 1 - 2 feet. Black Acer Tree : reduce top by approx 3 to 4 ft.	1 King Edgar Yard Picknag Road Barley Royston Hertfordshire SG8 8HW

Submitted Plan Nos

Sketch plan

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 None.

3.0 Representations

- 3.1 N/A

4.0 Planning Considerations

4.1 Site and Surroundings

- 4.1.1 The site lies on the south side of King Edgar Yard and is within the Barley Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

1.1.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:

2.0 Copper Beech tree: reduce crown/shape and prune by 20%.

3.0 3 x Silver Birch trees: light prune and shaping at top and sides by approx 1 - 2 feet.

4.0 Black Acer Tree: reduce top by approx 3 to 4 feet.

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 plan and are positioned in the rear garden which lies to the south of the dwelling.

4.3.3 The proposed works appear reasonable and justified in order to ensure their longer-term management.

4.3.4 There would appear not to be any immediate threat to trees and therefore there is no evidence to suggest further protection is needed by way of a Tree Preservation Order.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 The proposed works are remedial and not considered to result in any unacceptable harm to the amenity value of the trees or to the character and appearance of the Barley Conservation Area

5.0 **Recommendation**

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

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Determining Officer Date: 6 August 2025	