

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/02876/TCA	T1: Willow - Reduce height by approx 3m and lateral spread by approx 4m. T2: Pear - Remove weight (removing any dead branches) and reduce height by approx 3 to 4m and lateral spread by approx 3m	2 Hambridge Way Pirton Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 3QS

Submitted Plan Nos

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 Multiple TCA applications 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 Hambridge Way, Pirton and is within the Pirton Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 T1: Willow - Reduce height by approx 3m and lateral spread by approx 4m. T2: Pear - Remove weight (removing any dead branches) and reduce height by approx 3 to 4m and lateral spread by approx 3m

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 in the front garden.

4.3.3 The trees are visible from the public realm, so they hold amenity value. The works are remedial and are not considered to cause unacceptable harm to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.

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 Pirton 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 Date: 2 December 2025	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF