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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/02385/TCA	T1, T2: Apple - Crown reduce by 1.5m. T3: (Group) Self set Ash & Sycamore - Crown reduce by 1.5m	30 Silver Street Ashwell Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5QH

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan Photos

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 **Ashwell Parish Council** – No objection.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

- 4.1.1 The site lies on the northwest side of Silver Street and is within the Ashwell Conservation Area. The trees are positioned in the front garden of the property. To the west of the site is a public footpath (Ashwell 011) which links Silver Street with the High Street. Trees T1 and T2 are positioned to the west side party boundary with the footpath whilst the trees in T3 are positioned to the front boundary with Silver Street.

4.2 **Proposal**

- 4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:
 - T1, T2: Apple - Crown reduce by 1.5m.
 - T3: (Group) Self set Ash & Sycamore - Crown reduce by 1.5m

4.3 **Key Issues**

- 4.3.1 The key issues in determining this application is 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 as T1, T2 and T3 and the application is accompanied by photographs of the trees.
- 4.3.3 The trees appear visually healthy. The proposed works would be remedial and would not result in the loss of the trees. I am therefore satisfied that the works are reasonable and justified in order to maintain the longer-term management of the trees.

4.3.4 There would appear not to be any immediate threat to the 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 would not result in harm to the amenity value of the trees. As such, I am satisfied that the proposed works would not cause such harm to the character and appearance of the Ashwell Conservation Area as to overcome the justification for the works.

5.0 **Recommendation**

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

Signed  Paul Chaston Determining Officer	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Date: 14 October 2025	