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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/02413/TCA	T1: Birch - Fell it to ground level. T2, T3: Hornbeam - Lift crown to 3m, removing lower branches to reduce the spread over adjacent gardens and a shed.	21 High Street Barkway Royston Hertfordshire SG8 8EA

Submitted Plan Nos

Sketch location plan

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

2.1 23/01780/TCA - Mature Birch - Reduce 4m height

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 None.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The property is a semi-detached Grade II Listed dwelling located on the east side of the Barkway High Street. The site is within the Barkway conservation area.

4.2 **Proposal**

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4.3 **Key Issues**

4.3.1 The key issue for consideration is the impact that the proposed works would have on the character and appearance of the Barkway Conservation Area.

- The trees are located in the rear garden with limited visibility from the public realm.
- T1 is identified as 'dead' on the application form. In my view, the tree is in a poor condition which is not of significant public amenity value due to its location and size to warrant the further protection afforded by a Tree Preservation Order. As such I have no objection to its removal.
- The proposed works to T2 and T3 are remedial and would not harm the significance or the health of the trees. The proposed scale of the works would be appropriate in maintaining the trees.

4.4 **Conclusion**

The proposed works would not result in any unacceptable adverse impact upon the character and appearance of the Barkway Conservation Area.

4.5 **Alternative Options**

4.5.1 None applicable

4.6 **Pre-Commencement Conditions**

4.6.1 None applicable.

5.0 **Recommendation**

5.1 No objection.

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