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CASE OFFICER: …Melissa Tyler……

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
18/01083/TCA	4 x Lime (T1-4) - Re pollard. T5 Oak - Crown reduce by approx 20%	77 High Street Barkway Royston Hertfordshire SG8 8ED

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

2.1 13/02289/1TCA Pollard row of four limes. Reduce crown by approx.. 20% to one oak tree. Remove twisted willow tree. No objection

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 None

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The trees are in the rear garden, the side of which fronts the High Street.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Consent is sought for the re-pollarding of 4 lime trees and reduce crown of one oak tree by approx.. 20%/

4.3 **Key Issues**

4.3.1 The key issue is the impact of the works to the trees on the amenity value of the trees and the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.

4.2.2 The Lime trees are clearly publicly visible from the road. They have been pollarded regularly in the past and the works appear necessary for the long term maintenance and management of these trees. In my view the works would not have an adverse impact on the visual amenity of the trees in the Conservation Area.

4.2.3 The Oak tree is a large tree with public amenity value. The tree is very close to the neighbouring property. The proposed works appear necessary for the long-term management of the tree and in my view would not have an adverse impact on the visual amenity on the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 I have no objections to the works to 4 Lime trees and 1 Oak tree in a Conservation Area.

5.0 **Recommendation**

5.1 That consent be **GRANTED**

Signed  Simon Ellis Determining Officer	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
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