

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

CASE OFFICER: ...Henry Thomas.....

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
24/01553/TCA	T1. Holly - Remove to ground level. T2. Conifer - Remove to ground level. T3. Plum - Remove to 2ft stump. T4. Plum - Crown reduce to gutter height. Approx 1m reduction.	40 Back Street Ashwell Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5PE

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan Site plan

1.0 Policies

2.0 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 is a semi-detached two storey dwelling on the north side of Back Street in a residential part of Ashwell. The site is within the Ashwell 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 Ashwell Conservation Area.

- 1.0 T1, T2 and T3 have grown in close proximity to the fences on either side and the rear boundary of the property. The applicant has stated they wish for the trees to be removed to prevent fence or property damage. In my view, the trees are small in scale with no visibility from the public realm. They would not be considered of significant quality or public value to warrant the further protection of a Tree Preservation Order.
- 1.0 The proposed works to T4 are remedial and would not result in its loss. The proposed scale of works is acceptable in maintaining its health and bringing the tree into a suitable level of amenity.

4.4 **Conclusion**

The proposed works would not result in any unacceptable adverse impact upon the character and appearance of the Ashwell 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  Tom Rea Determining Officer	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
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