

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
24/01354/TCA	T1, T2, T3, T4 Lime - Repollard. T5 Oak - Crown reduce up to 30%	77 High Street Barkway Hertfordshire SG8 8ED

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan

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 Various application for tree works, full details on case file.

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 the eastern side of the High Street and to the immediate south of the junction with Burrs Lane. The property is a Grade II Listed building and is within the Barkway Conservation Area.

4.2 Proposal

- 4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works: T1, T2, T3, T4 Lime – Re-pollard. T5 Oak - Crown reduce up to 30%.

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/block plan. All four Lime trees border the front boundary with the highway and have significant public amenity value. T5, the Oak tree, is located towards the rear of the garden in close proximity to the boundary with the neighbouring property to the south no.77a High Street and whilst it offers private amenity value it's public amenity value is limited. All five trees have had similar works carried out previously. Notwithstanding this, the works to the trees is considered justified in order to maintain their longer-term management and their continued contribution to the character and appearance of the Barkway Conservation Area. 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 to the trees would not harm their amenity value to a significant degree. As such, the work would not cause such harm to the character and appearance of the Barkway Conservation Area as to overcome the justification for the work.

5.0 **Recommendation**

- 5.1 **NO OBJECTION** to the proposed work.

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Determining Officer	
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