

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

CASE OFFICER: ...William Thompson.....

**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

24/02434/TCA

2x Crab Apples - Crown Reduction of 3m
back to previous pruning points. 2x
Green Gage - Light crown reduction no
more than 0.5m

4A West End

Ashwell

Baldock

Hertfordshire

SG7 5PJ

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 None Relevant

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 Ashwell Parish Council – None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The application site is located on West End and is within the Ashwell Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 2x Crab Apples - Crown Reduction of 3m back to previous pruning points. 2x Green Gage - Light crown reduction no more than 0.5m

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 plan.

4.3.3 The trees are mature and appear visually healthy and the applicant has not submitted any arboricultural report to dispute this.

4.3.4 When viewing the site from the street scene all the trees are highly visible; therefore, they contribute towards the character and appearance of the Ashwell Conservation Area; however, the works will tidy up the trees and improve the public amenity value.

4.3.5 Due to the above reasons, I do not consider the trees to be of high enough public amenity value to warrant a Tree Preservation Order.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 The proposed work to the trees would not cause such harm to the character and appearance of the Ashwell Conservation Area as to overcome the justification for the work.

5.0 **Recommendation**

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

Signed  Naomi Reynard	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 3 December 2024	