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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
24/02344/TCA	T1: Silver Birch - Reduce height by 4-5m shape and balance the remainder to viable growth. Lift the lower branches growing over the adjacent road, giving 4m off ground clearance. T2: Crab Apple - Reduce height by 1.5m shape and balance the remainder cutting to viable growth. Lift the lower canopy giving 2m of clearance off the ground. TG1: x 2 White Birches - Reduce height by 2m shape and balance the remainder cutting to viable growth. Lift the lower canopy giving 2.5m clearance off the ground.	Rose House Upper Green Ickleford Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 3YF

Submitted Plan Nos

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 No relevant site history

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 None

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The application site is located on Upper Green, Ickleford and is within the Ickleford Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

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4.3 **Key Issues**

4.3.1 The key issues in determining this application are: the amenity value of the tree; 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 and are located in the front and rear garden.

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 the trees are visible; therefore, they do contribute towards the character and appearance of the Ickleford Conservation Area. The works are to maintain the trees, so will not affect 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 Ickleford 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	