

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
24/01840/TCA	Mountain Ash - Reduce by approx 1/3 (as amended by email of 11/09/2024).	The Gables Park Street Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 6DY

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan Photos

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 20/02456/TCA - Ash - Crown reduce by 2m back to previous points. No objection.

3.0 Representations

- 3.1 N/A

4.0 Planning Considerations

4.1 Site and Surroundings

- 4.1.1 The Ash tree is location in the front garden of the property and along the party boundary with Seven Roe's Maltings located to the north of the application site and is within the Baldock Conservation Area.

4.2 Proposal

4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works: Mountain Ash - Reduce by approximately 1/3 (as amended by email of 11/09/2024).

4.2.2 The application has been amended to reflect the correct species of the tree.

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 works on the character and appearance of the Conservation Area; any justification for the proposed works 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 application is accompanied by a location plan and supporting photographs.

4.3.3 The Ash tree is a mature specimen and appears visually healthy. The position of the tree to the front boundary with Park Street is significant and makes a positive contribution to public amenity value. The proposed works involve a 30% reduction to the crown of the tree which appears reasonable given the location of the tree which overhangs the driveway of the property and of one of the neighbouring garage blocks associated with Seven Roe's Maltings. Notwithstanding this, the works to the tree is considered justified in order to maintain its longer-term management and its continued contribution to the character and appearance of the Baldock Conservation Area. There would appear not to be any immediate threat to the tree 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 tree would not harm its amenity value to a significant degree. As such, the work would not cause such harm to the character and appearance of the Baldock Conservation Area as to overcome the justification for the work.

5.0 **Recommendation**

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

Signed	Development Management
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