

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

CASE OFFICER: ...Kayleigh Abery.....

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/01823/TCA	T1: Beech - Pollard, back to the previous points. T2: Ash - Pollard, back to the previous points. T3 & T4: Cypress - Fell to ground level. T5: Oak - Reduce height down by 1.5m and bring in all around by 1m to shape and balance. Lift the lower canopy, providing 1.8m of clearance from the ground, and remove deadwood. T6: Laburnum - Fell to ground level. T7: Oak - Pollard, back to the previous points. T8: Mulbury - Cut back to the boundary wall and reduce by 1m to bring it into shape.	6 Walsworth Road Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 9SP

Submitted Plan Nos

2.0 **Relevant Site History**

2.1 99/01352/1TCA: Prune Beech tree – Application received 08.10.1999 – **No objection**

03/00074/1TCA: Pruning of 1 Oak, 1 Lime, 1 Ash, 1 Mulberry and 3 Conifers by approx 25-30% - Decided 20.02.2003 – **No objection**

23/01134/TCA: T1 2x Larburnum - Cut back limbs over lawn to relieve weight and deadwood. T2 Elm - Deadwood and lift 1m over the shed. T3 Buddleia - Cut out of wall behind shed and eco plug. T4 Conifer - Fell. T5 Oak - Reduce back to previous pollard points – Decided 06.06.2023 – **No objection**

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 None received

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The trees are located in both the front and rear gardens of 6 Walsworth Road which is located within the Hitchin Conservation Area. T1 is prominent within the public realm, and the remaining trees are visible to the neighbouring properties.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:

T1: Beech - Pollard, back to the previous points.

T2: Ash - Pollard, back to the previous points.

T3 & T4: Cypress - Fell to ground level.

T5: Oak - Reduce height down by 1.5m and bring in all around by 1m to shape and balance. Lift the lower canopy, providing 1.8m of clearance from the ground, and remove deadwood.

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T7: Oak - Pollard, back to the previous points.

T8: Mulberry - Cut back to the boundary wall and reduce by 1m to bring it into shape.

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 proposal enables remedial works to be undertaken to the trees T1, T2, T5, T7 & T8 which are considered reasonable and would help secure their longer-term management.

4.3.4 There is no expedient threat to the trees, therefore I do not consider a Tree Preservation Order to be appropriate.

4.3.5 The proposal seeks to fell T3 & T4 (Cypress) and T6 (Laburnum) to the ground. These trees are located in the rear garden; the Laburnum is failing to thrive and is declining. The trees are not considered to make a significant contribution to the local amenity, it is therefore not expedient to seek Tree Preservation Orders for the trees, and the felling is deemed acceptable.

4.4 **Conclusion**

- 4.4.1 It is considered that the works would not result in any unacceptable harm to the amenity value of the retained trees and the wider Conservation Area, and the felling of T3, T4 and T6 would not cause unacceptable harm to the visual amenity of the Hitchin Conservation Area.

5.0 **Recommendation**

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

Signed  Thomas Howe	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 4 August 2026	