

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/01719/TCA	Norway Maple - Remove sections to ground level.	17 Norton Way North Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 1BY

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 Relevant Site History

2.1 02/00664/1TCA: Removal of one Pine tree, 2 Cypress trees and 5 Sycamores – Application received 24.04.2002 – **Withdrawn**

02/01050/1TCA: Fell 6 sycamore trees and Norway maple, reduce height of Scots pine by 30% and reduce height of 3 Cypress tree by 25% - Application received 05.07.2002 – **No objection**

15/00095/1TCA: Remove one Golden Thuja (T1) and three Golden Leylandii (T2). Crown reduce one Horse Chestnut tree (T3) by 3 metres, reduce height of one Plum tree (T8) by 2 metres, crown reduce two Apple Trees (T9 and T10) by 2.5 metres, crown reduce one Cherry Tree (T11) by 2.5 metres. Prune one Pine Tree (T4) to clear telephone wires and shorten branches of one Purple leafed Plum Tree (T5) by 1 metre and prune to shape and balance. Application received 30.01.2015 – **No objection**

22/02470/TCA: T1 Apple - Reduce crown by approx 50%. T6 Apple - Fell to ground level. - 25.10.2022 – **No objection**

3.0 Representations

3.1 None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The Norway Maple is in the rear garden of 17 Norton Way North within the Letchworth Conservation Area. The tree is partly visible to the public realm due to its height, but it is shielded by an adjacent tree, the main visual impact is with the neighbour at number 13. The site backs onto Norton Common and the quantity of trees in the vicinity is reasonably high.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works: Norway Maple - Remove sections to ground level.

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 tree is identified on the submitted location plan.

4.3.3 The proposal enables works to be undertaken to the tree, which is considered reasonable due large sections of the canopy dying off.

4.3.4 The reduction of the tree to ground level is justified due to the evidence of decline within the crown and the lack of visibility to the public realm. I do not consider a Tree Preservation Order to be appropriate in this instance.

4.4 **Conclusion**

- 4.4.1 The proposed works may result in the loss of the tree. However, the amenity impact is low, and I consider that the works would not result in any unacceptable harm to the character and appearance of the Letchworth Conservation Area that would outweigh the justification for the works.

5.0 **Recommendation**

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

Signed  Melissa Tyler	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 28 July 2026	

