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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/02511/TCA	2 x Ash - Trim lateral growth to reshape and lift crown to provide 3m clearance from floor level.	Saddlers Mead Blacksmiths Lane Reed Royston Hertfordshire SG8 8AY

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 Full history on case file.

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 N/A

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The site lies on the southeast side of Blacksmith's Lane and is within the Reed Conservation Area. Both Ash trees are located in the front garden of the property.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:

- ☐ 2 x Ash – Trim lateral growth to reshape and lift crown to provide 3 metre clearance from floor level.

4.3 **Key Issues**

4.3.1 The key issues in determining this application is 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 plan as nos.1 and 2 and the application is accompanied by two photographs, one of each tree.

4.3.3 Both trees are relatively mature and appear visually healthy. Given the location of the trees, they do have a degree of amenity value. However, I am satisfied that the proposed works appear reasonable and justified in order to ensure the longer-term management of the trees.

4.3.4 There would appear not to be any immediate threat to the trees 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 would be remedial and would not result in harm to the amenity value of the trees. As such, I am satisfied that the work would not cause such harm to the character and appearance of the Reed Conservation Area as to overcome the justification for the work.

5.0 **Recommendation**

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

Signed  Sarah Kasparian	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 1 October 2025	