

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/02493/TCA	T1: Silver Birch - Crown reduce by 2m (30%). T2: Norway Spruce - Crown Lift to provide 5m vertical clearance from ground level and reduce remaining crown overhanging driveway by 1m to clear vehicle access. T3: Damson - Reduce branches overhanging driveway by 1.5m. G1 3x Hornbeam - Crown reduce to previous pruning points and trim all growth on rear side to boundary line. T4: Weeping Pear - Reduce height by 2m to shape and crown lift to 1.5m. T5: Holly - Reduce limbs overhanging boundary line by 1.5m	Elms Farm House 57 High Street Barkway Royston Hertfordshire SG8 8EB

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan

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 None.

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 N/A

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The site lies on the east side of the High Street and is within the Barkway Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:

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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.

4.3.3 The proposed works are considered to be remedial and appear reasonable and justified in order to ensure the longer-term management of the trees.

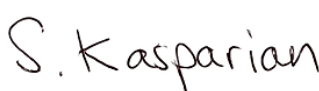
4.3.4 There would appear not to be any immediate threat to the trees and therefore there is no evidence to suggest further protection is needed by way of a Tree Preservation Order.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 The proposed works would not result in harm to the amenity value of the trees. As such, I am satisfied that the works would not cause such harm to the character and appearance of the Barkway 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	