

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

26/01765/TCA

T1: Silver Birch - Remove

19 South View

Letchworth Garden City

Hertfordshire

SG6 3JH

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

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 is located at 19 South View, Letchworth Garden City and is within the Letchworth Conservation Area. The tree is located in the front garden of the site and is in the public realm, adjacent to the footpath of the neighbouring Souberie Avenue. The tree appears to have been reduced in its lifetime although there is no record for this work on the planning site history.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works: T1: Silver Birch – Remove. Within the application form the explanation for the works details that the tree is dead and requires urgent approval for its removal due to risk of falling. It would have been appropriate to submit a 5-day notice for this work.

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 the removal of the dead Silver Birch to be undertaken. This is considered reasonable due to the risks associated with leaving the tree in place.

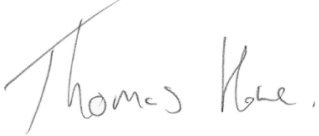
4.3.4 The tree appears to be dead, and I do not consider a Tree Preservation Order to be appropriate.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 The proposed works would result in the loss of the tree, however this is justified within the report. Whilst the works do result in a loss of amenity value if it were alive the removal of the Silver Birch at this point does not result in any unacceptable harm to the amenity value, nor 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  Thomas Howe	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 24 July 2026	