

## DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

| APPLICATION REFERENCE | BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT                   | APPLICATION SITE                                                      |
|-----------------------|----------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------|
| 26/01742/TCA          | 3x Hornbeam - Reduce approx as previously (2-3ft ) | Old Hall Court<br>1 Horn Hill<br>Whitwell<br>Hertfordshire<br>SG4 8AS |

### Submitted Plan Nos

#### 1.0 Policies

#### 2.0 Relevant Site History

2.1 01/01305/1TCA: Pruning of three Hornbeam trees. Received 16.08.2021 – **No objection**

04/01903/1TCA: Three hornbeams to be reduced in height by 25%, removal of 1 Elder tree. Received 01.12.2004 - **No objection**

06/02571/1TCA: Reduce height and width of 3 Hornbeam trees and 2 Beech trees by approximately 25%. Received 16.11.2006 – **No objection**

07/02927/1TCA: Reduce Hornbeam trees by 25% and shape. Received 13.12.2007 – **No objection**

20/01561/TCA: 3x Hornbeam - Reduce crown by approx 2-3ft as previously to shape. Decided 07.09.2020 - **No objection**

22/02815/TCA: 3x Hornbeam - Reduce approx as previously (2-3ft ) on embankment at front of property. Decided 01.12.2022 – **No objection**

24/02155/TCA: 3x Hornbeam - Reduce approx 2-3ft. Decided 04.10.2024 – **No objection**

25/02527/TCA: 3x Hornbeam - To reduce approx as previously (2-3ft ). Decided 24.10.2025 –  
**No objection**

3.0        **Representations**

3.1        None received

4.0        **Planning Considerations**

4.1        **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1       The site is located within the frontage of Old Hall Court, 1 Horn Hill and is within the Kimpton Conservation Area. The three hornbeam trees are in prominent public view facing the High Street.

4.2        **Proposal**

4.2.1       Permission is sought to undertake the following works: 3x Hornbeam - Reduce approx as previously (2-3ft)

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, which are considered reasonable and would help secure their longer-term management. They appear healthy and the history of their management shows this work is beneficial.

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

4.4           **Conclusion**

4.4.1        The proposed works would not result in the loss of the trees. It is therefore considered that the works would not result in any unacceptable harm to the amenity value of the trees, nor to the character and appearance of the Kimpton Conservation Area that would outweigh the justification for the works.

5.0           **Recommendation**

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

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| <div>Signed</div> <div></div> <div>Thomas Howe</div> | <div>Development Management<br/>North Hertfordshire District Council<br/>Council Offices<br/>Gernon Road<br/>Letchworth<br/>Herts<br/>SG6 3JF</div> |
| <div>Determining Officer</div> <div>Date: 24 July 2026</div>                                                                            |                                                                                                                                                     |

