

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/02026/TCA	T1, T2, T3: Silver Birch - Crown reduction by 1.5m T4: Field Maple - Crown reduction by 2m and lift. T5: Liquid Amber - Crown thin and lift. T6, T7: Field Maple - Crown reduction by 2m and lift. T8: Field Maple - Crown reduction to road side only, clear away from street lamp.	7 Homefield Hinxworth Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5RX

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan

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 a residential estate known as Homefield. No.7 Homefield benefits from a linear garden which gradually narrows to the southwest and extends up to a point where it meets with the High Street and is within the Hinxworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

- 4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:

T1, T2, T3: Silver Birch - Crown reduction by 1.5m.

T4: Field Maple - Crown reduction by 2m and lift.

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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 plan and the application is supported by photographs of some of the trees. All of the trees are positioned in the garden of the property southwest of the dwelling.
- 4.3.3 The proposed works appear reasonable and justified 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 the loss of the trees. It is therefore considered that the proposed works would not result in any unacceptable harm to the amenity value of the trees or to the character and appearance of the Hinxworth Conservation Area.

5.0 **Recommendation**

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

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Determining Officer Date: 21 August 2025	