

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

25/02574/TCA

T1: Beech - Fell to ground level

Ivy Cottage

High Street

Barley

Royston

Hertfordshire

SG8 8HT

Submitted Plan Nos

Sketch 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 site 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 where the tree works are proposed lies on the southeast side of the High Street and is within the Barley Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

- 4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:

- ☐ T1 Beech – Fell to ground level.

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 plan as T1 and is located in the rear garden of the property. The tree is of medium maturity and shows some early signs of poor health. The position of the tree in the garden also means there is some impact to low level vegetation due to limited natural light. There is no amenity value to the tree due to the limited visibility of the site which is screened by neighbouring properties.
- 4.3.4 In my view, a Tree Preservation Order is not appropriate as for the reasons set out above.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 I am satisfied that the loss of the tree would not cause such harm to the character and appearance of the Barley Conservation Area as to overcome the justification for the work.

5.0 **Recommendation**

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

5.2 No replacement tree is advised due to the number and variety of trees already on site and taking into account the proximity of neighbouring properties and their gardens.

Signed  Tom Rea	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer	
Date: 6 November 2025	