

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

24/01608/TCA

T1: Catalpa - Fell to ground level

Panna Cottage

Pudding Lane

Barley

Royston

Hertfordshire

SG8 8JU

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 19/00156/TCA - T1 3x Conifer - Fell. T2 False acacia - Fell. T3 Conifer - Fell. T4 3x Conifer – Fell – No objection.
- 2.2 19/01078/TCA - T5 Sycamore – Fell. No objection.

3.0 **Representations**

- 3.1 N/A

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

- 4.1.1 Panna Cottage is located on the western side of Pudding Lane, it is a grade II listed building within the Barley 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 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 as T1 on the submitted location plan and is sited in the rear garden of the property which is to the south of the dwelling and alongside the party boundary with the neighbouring property to the west known as Saddlers.
- 4.3.3 Visually the tree appears in poor health. There are limited views of the tree from Pudding Lane and so the amenity value the tree offers is low. Notwithstanding this, the works to fell the tree is considered justified and will not significantly impact on the character and appearance of the Barley Conservation Area.

4.3.4 In the circumstances, a Tree Preservation Order would not be appropriate.

4.4 **Conclusion**

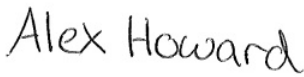
4.4.1 The proposed works to fell the Catalpa tree would not cause such harm to the character and appearance of the Barley Conservation Area as to overcome the justification for the work.

5.0 **Recommendation**

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

Informative/s:

1. In an effort to combat climate change, North Hertfordshire Council advises that a native tree be planted within the rear garden of the property following removal of the Catalpa tree. Please make sure you are familiar with the planting season which runs from 1st November until 31st March, this will give the tree the best chance of survival.

Signed  Alex Howard Determining Officer Date: 6 August 2024	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF