

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
24/02426/TCA	T1: Silver Birch - Lightly pollard and reduce crown by up to 25% to a height of 20ft. T2: Maple - Lighty pollard and reduce crown by up to 25% to a height of 18ft.	95 High Street Ashwell Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5NT

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**

22/00533/GEN - 5 Day Notice - Silver Birch T1. Accepted.

20/02769/TCA - T1, T2 Silver Birch - Reduce crown by up to 25% to a height of 20ft.
T3 Maple - Reduce Crown by up to 25% to a height of 18ft. No objection.

3.0 **Representations**

- 3.1 **Ashwell Parish Council** – None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

- 4.1.1 The site where the tree works are proposed comprises of a detached property located on the southern side of the High Street and within the Ashwell 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 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 site plan.
- 4.3.3 Trees T1 and T2 are located to the rear party boundary of the dwelling with no.6 The Dovecote, Back Street. Both trees by their nature have the ability to grow to a significant height, and in this location, close to residential properties and gardens, regular maintenance is required to ensure their longer-term management. In the circumstances, the proposed works are considered reasonable and acceptable.

- 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 to the trees would not harm their amenity value to a significant degree. As such, the work would not cause such harm to the character and appearance of the Ashwell Conservation Area as to overcome the justification for the work.

5.0 **Recommendation**

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

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Date: 22 November 2024	