

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
24/02476/TCA	T1: Horse Chestnut - Reduce and shape removing 2m. G2: 2x Lime - Reduce middle and lower crown over lawn area by 2m. T3: Robinia - Reduce crown spread over lawn by 3m. T4: Catalpa - Crown raise removing 1.5m, reduce middle and lower crown spread by 1.5m. T5: Laburnum - Remove. T6: Sycamore - Crown raise over veg patch, removing 3m. T7: Horse Chestnut - Crown raise over veg patch, removing 3m.	Dalnyveed Bakers Lane Barley Royston Hertfordshire SG8 8HJ

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan

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 Various applications, full case history on file.

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 N/A

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 Dalnyveed is a detached property in substantial grounds occupying a triangular site between Royston Road to the northeast, Bakers Lane to the south west and the High Street to the south and is within the Barley Conservation Area. Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:

T1: Horse Chestnut - Reduce and shape removing 2m.

G2: 2 x Lime - Reduce middle and lower crown over lawn area by 2m.

T3: Robinia - Reduce crown spread over lawn by 3m.

T4: Catalpa - Crown raise removing 1.5m, reduce middle and lower crown spread by 1.5m.

T5: Laburnum - Remove.

T6: Sycamore - Crown raise over veg patch, removing 3m.

T7: Horse Chestnut - Crown raise over veg patch, removing 3m.

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 as referenced above on the submitted location plan.

- 4.3.3 Albeit with the exception of trees T6 and T7 which border the boundary with Royston Road to the northeast, all other trees are contained within the central part of the site. The proposed works appear reasonable as does the loss of a single Laburnum tree referenced as T5, which is an ornamental tree of a type believed to have been introduced to the UK in the mid-16th century. The elevated position of the property at one of the main entrances/exit points to the village is significant and its tree lined boundary contributes to the visual amenity of the Barley Conservation Area. Notwithstanding this, the works to the trees is considered justified 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 Barley Conservation Area as to overcome the justification for the work.

5.0 **Recommendation**

- 5.1 **NO OBJECTION** to the proposed works with an Informative to replant following removal of T5 the Laburnum tree.

Informative/s:

1. In an effort to combat climate change, North Hertfordshire Council advises that a native tree be planted within the grounds of the property following removal of the Laburnum tree (T5). 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  Naomi Reynard	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 22 November 2024	