

Location:           **Hindsmount  
Maydencroft Lane  
Gosmore  
Hitchin  
Hertfordshire  
SG4 7QB**

Applicant:           **Mr Richard Thake**

Proposal:           **Silver birch - Fell**

Ref. No:             22/00089/TCA

Officer:             **Ben Glover**

**Date of expiry of statutory period: 23/02/2022**

**Extension of statutory period:**

**Reason for Delay:**

In order to present the application to an available committee meeting.

**Reason for Referral to Committee:**

The applicant has declared in Section 7 of their application form that they are an elected member with respect to the Authority.

**1.0 Relevant Site History**

1.1 No relevant site history.

**2.0 Policies**

2.1 Tree Preservation Orders and Trees in Conservation Areas

**3.0 Representations**

3.1 N/A

**4.0 Planning Considerations**

**4.1 Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 Hindsmount is a Grade II Listed Building situated on the north side of Maydencroft Lane and is within the Gosmore Conservation Area.

**4.2 Proposal**

4.2.1 Permission is sought for the felling of 1x Silver Birch tree due to the poor health of the tree and shedding of dead limbs in the garden.

### 4.3 **Key Issues**

4.3.1 The key issue for consideration is the impact that the proposed works would have on the character and appearance of the Gosmore Conservation Area.

4.3.2 The Silver Birch Tree is situated within the rear garden of the application property and is therefore screened from views within the public street scene by buildings. The tree is said to be in poor health with dead limbs shedding in the garden. Given the location of the tree within the rear garden of the application property and the trees poor health, it is considered that the felling of the tree would not result in any unacceptable harm to the character and appearance of the Gosmore Conservation Area.

### 4.4 **Conclusion**

The proposed works would not result in any unacceptable adverse impact upon the character and appearance of the Gosmore Conservation Area.

### 5.0 **Legal Implications**

5.1 In making decisions on applications submitted under the Town and Country Planning legislation, the Council is required to have regard to the provisions of the development plan and to any other material considerations. The decision must be in accordance with the plan unless the material considerations indicate otherwise. Where the decision is to refuse or restrictive conditions are attached, the applicant has a right of appeal against the decision.

### 6.0 **Recommendation**

6.1 **NO OBJECTION** to the proposed works.