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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/03185/TCA	G1: 13 x Lime Trees - Remove re-growth up to 3m	The Limes High Street Barley Royston Hertfordshire SG8 8HT

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan

2.0 **Site History**

89/00500/1TCA, 18/00444/TCA, 01/00240/1TCA, 12/00211/1TCA

3.0 **Representations**

None

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

The trees a line 13x Lime G1 (applicant's plan) subject of this application are all located on the west boundary abutting the High Street. The site is within the Barley Conservation Area. The trees are highly visible to the public realm and surrounding properties.

4.2 **Proposal**

G1 - 13 x Lime Trees - Remove re-growth up to 3m per tree

4.3 **Key Issues**

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

4.3.1 The trees are highly visible to the public realm.

4.3.2 The group of Lime trees are a line of regularly pollarded trees that appear to have been managed in this way for some time. Re-growth from previous pollarding operations is good showing the trees have good vigour and have responded well to previous works. The works will have a short-term negative impact on the amenity of this tree, but cyclical pollarding of this species, which has considerable ability to regenerate new shoots, minimises the size of dysfunctional wood resulting from delayed pruning operations, is good arboricultural practice and is in-line with the previous management of these trees.

4.4 **Conclusion**

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

4.5 **Alternative Options**

4.5.1 None applicable

4.6 **Pre-Commencement Conditions**

4.6.1 None applicable

5.0 **Recommendation**

5.1 No objection.

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