

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/00035/TCA	T2, T4, T7, T9: Conifer - Remove. T3, T5: Sycamore - Remove. T6: Norwegian Maple - Prune. T8: Cherry Blossom - Remove. T10: Pear - Prune. T1: Silver Birch - Prune, crown reduction and thinning.	17 Picknage Road Barley Royston Hertfordshire SG8 8HP

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

None relevant.

3.0 **Representations**

None

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

The trees T1-T10 (applicant's plan) subject of this application are located on the North boundary of the property. The site is within the Barley Conservation Area. The trees are not highly visible to the public realm and are visible to surrounding properties

4.2 **Proposal**

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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 not highly visible to the public realm.

4.3.2 The trees are a mixture of species, size and condition and contribute limited amenity value to the Conservation Area.

4.3.3 The works will remove poor trees affecting the boundary fence or trees that have outgrown their context and allow for replanting of more appropriate species. Other works are to prune retained trees in order to control their size and stimulate healthy growth.

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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Determining Officer Date: 23 January 2026	