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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/03241/TCA	T1-T3: Cherry Plum - Reduce by approx. 25% to suitable growth points. G1: Collection of Silver Birch - Reduce by approx. 30% to suitable growth points.	7 Cross Street Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 4UD

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

20/02975/TCA, 23/02480/TCA

3.0 **Representations**

None

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

The trees G1 (applicant's plan) 4x Birch subject of this application are located in the front garden of the property to the East of the site. T1 -T3 3x Cherry Plum (applicant's plan) are located in the rear garden of the property to the West of the site. The site is within the Letchworth Conservation Area. The Birch trees are visible to the public realm with the Cherry Plums less so, but visible to surrounding properties.

4.2 **Proposal**

T1-T3: Cherry Plum - Reduce by approx. 25% to suitable growth points. G1: Collection of Silver Birch - Reduce by approx. 30% to suitable growth points.

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 visible to the public realm.

4.3.2 The Birch trees are young, multi-stemmed and planted in close proximity to the building and each other. The proposed works will have a negative impact on the amenity of these trees; however they are beginning to outgrow their location and must take significant light from the property. Birch do not respond well to pruning and have a low resistance to decay, but it is considered the pruning wounds left would be of a small enough size and the trees have sufficient vigour to respond well and occlude these new wounds.

4.3.3 The works to the 3x Cherry Plum will again have a negative impact on the amenity of these trees, but this will be short-term and the proposed are in accord with previous works to 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 Letchworth 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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