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CASE OFFICER: …Melissa Tyler……

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
18/00858/TCA	4 x Ash - Prune by 10-15%	Nobles Cottage Smiths End Lane Barley Royston Hertfordshire SG8 8LL

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

2.1 Various applications to works to trees.

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 No consultations were made.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The trees are located along the side boundary which runs alongside a public footpath. The residential property is in the Barley Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Consent is sought for pruning of four Ash by 10-15%

4.3 **Key Issues**

4.3.1 The key issue for consideration is the visual impact the proposed works would have on the amenity of the Barley Conservation Area.

4.3.2 The trees are located at the side of the property along a public footpath and are highly visible from the public view. In my view these trees are not at risk and therefore not worthy of protection under a preservation order. I do not consider that the proposed works would result in any harm to the appearance of the conservation area in this location. Therefore it is my view that the pruning of the four ash trees by 15% is unobjectable.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 No objection raised.

5.0 **Recommendation**

5.1 That consent be **GRANTED**

Signed  Simon Ellis Determining Officer	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
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