

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/02728/TCA	T1: Bay - Reduce the height by 2-3m and shape. T2: Pine - Fell as low as possible. T3, T4: Pine - Fell, leaving a 2m high stump. T5: Plum - Remove deadwood. T6: Plum - Reduce the limbs growing over into the neighbour's back by 2-3m, cutting to viable growth to relieve weight. H1: Mixed Hedge - Reduce the height down making it as level as possible. H2: Mixed Hedge - Reduce the height of the hedge to the old points.	6 Sollershott East Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3PL

Submitted Plan Nos

2.0 Site History

2.1 None relevant.

3.0 Representations

3.1 n/a

4.0 Planning Considerations

4.1 Site and Surroundings

4.1.1 The application site covers the rear garden of no 6 Shollershot East.

4.1.2 The site is within Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 Proposal

4.2.1 Consent is sought for:

- T1: Bay - Reduce the height by 2-3m and shape.
- T2: Pine - Fell as low as possible.
- T3, T4: Pine - Fell, leaving a 2m high stump.
- T5: Plum - Remove deadwood.
- T6: Plum - Reduce the limbs growing over into the neighbour's back by 2-3m, cutting to viable growth to relieve weight.
- H1: Mixed Hedge - Reduce the height down making it as level as possible.
- H2: Mixed Hedge - Reduce the height of the hedge to the old points.

4.3 Key Issues

4.3.1 The key issues in determining this application are:

- the amenity value of the tree/trees;
- the impact of the proposed work on the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.
- any justification for the proposed work; and
- whether, taking full account of the above, it would be expedient and in the public interest to make a Tree Preservation Order.

4.3.2 The proposed works to T1: Bay, T5: Plum, T6: Plum, H1: Mixed Hedge and H2: Mixed Hedge are remedial and will improve the health and longevity of the trees/hedges. The proposed works are acceptable.

4.3.3 It is proposed to fell pine trees T2, T3 and T4. The trees are dead/dying and in a poor condition and are of low amenity value. The trees are located to the rear of no 6 and are not particularly visible from the street and do not make a significant contribution to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area. The felling of the dead trees is acceptable and adequate trees remain to compensate for their loss.

4.4 Conclusion

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

4.5 Alternative Options

4.5.1 None applicable.

5.0 Recommendation

5.1 No objection.

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