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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/03133/TCA	2x Yew, 2x Pine, Blackthorn Reduce the following by up to 2m. Plum - Side back branches by up to 2m. Spruce - Fell, Process and Remove.	8 Church Lane Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 1AJ

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**

1x Spruce, 1xYew and 2x Pine are located adjacent to the front drive, to the east of the property while 1xBlackthorn, 1xPlum and 1x Yew trees subject of this application are located in the rear garden, to the west of the site. The site is within the Norton Conservation Area. Most trees are clearly visible from the public realm.

4.2 **Proposal**

Reduce the following by up to 2m: - 2 Yew Tree - 2 Pine Trees - 1 Blackthorn Tree Side Back Branches by up to 2m on European Plum Tree, that overhang the road. Fell, Process and Remove Spruce 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 clearly visible to the public realm.

4.3.2 The trees to the east of the property are grouped closely together and located on a raised bank above Church Lane. Removal of the spruce tree will have limited impact on the amenity of the area and would allow adjacent trees room for further growth.

4.3.3 The 2m reduction works proposed to the Pine, both Yews and Blackthorn will have a negative impact on the amenity of the trees, but this will be short-term. It will maintain the trees' size and reduce potential for direct damage from branches of the Yew coming into contact with the neighbouring garage at no.6. The 2m cut back of the Plum branches overhanging the road will reduce the potential for obstruction to high sided vehicles accessing the lane.

4.4 **Conclusion**

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