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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/00484/TCA	3x Juniper, 1x Cherry, 2x Palm Lily Shrubs, Conifer, Mixed Species Hedge - Fell.	80 Baldock Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 2EQ

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

None relevant.

3.0 **Representations**

None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

3x Juniper, 1x Cherry, 2x Palm Lily Shrubs, Conifer, Mixed Species Hedge (applicant's plan) subject of this application are located on the SE side of the property in the front garden. The trees are visible to the public realm and surrounding properties. The site is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

3x Juniper, 1x Cherry, 2x Palm Lily Shrubs, Conifer, Mixed Species Hedge - Fell.

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 or partly visible to the public realm.

4.3.2 The subject plants are small trees or shrubs that appear to be of normal heath and form. The small size of the 3x Juniper and 1x Cherry means their visibility to the public realm is limited and they make no significant visual impact on the area. They offer only moderate amenity and contribute little to the character of the conservation area. Shrubs and hedges are exempt from a section 211 notice. *'Authorities may only use an Order to protect anything that may ordinarily be termed a tree. This would not normally include shrubs, but could include, for example, trees in a hedge or an old hedge which has become a line of trees of a reasonable height'* (Government Guidance Tree Preservation Orders and trees in conservation areas).

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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Determining Officer Date: 23 March 2026	