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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/00425/TCA	Sycamore (species amended) - 30-35% reduction in height	6 Baldock Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3LB

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

Various tree works applications most relevant being 24/02238/TCA

3.0 **Representations**

None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

Sycamore (amended) (applicant's plan) subject of this application is located on the NE boundary at the front of the property. The tree is partly visible to the public realm and surrounding properties. The site is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

Sycamore (amended) - 30-35% reduction in height.

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 tree is partly visible to the public realm.

4.3.2 The tree was identified as a Sycamore and not a Birch as identified by applicant so the species was amended. The Sycamore is a medium sized tree that has recently undergone a crown reduction with minimal regrowth visible. The tree has been left with reasonable form and appears to have responded well to the reduction works. The tree is twin stemmed with a tight fork and included bark present at the main union, although not a serious concern in this species it is still a significant physical defect. A reduction by 30-35% will reduce the tree further beyond the previous pruning points and will be detrimental to the health of the tree, however it has limited visibility to the public realm and is a foreseeable nuisance if left and allowed to regrow to its previous size. A further reduction is not considered to have a major impact on the character of the surrounding area.

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	