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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/00541/TCA	T1: Arizona Cypress and T2: Cherry Plum - Fell to ground level	Chalkleys Barn Church Lane Graveley Hertfordshire SG4 7LR

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

None relevant.

3.0 **Representations**

None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

T1 Arizona Cypress and T2 Cherry (applicant's plan) subject of this application are located close to the SW boundary corner of the property. The Cypress is visible to the public realm but obscures T2. The site is within the Graveley Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

T1: Arizona Cypress and T2: Cherry Plum - fell to ground level

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 to the public realm.

4.3.2 The Cypress is a medium sized tree that is located very close to the neighbouring property where it restricts light. Although it provides some amenity it is considered only moderate as it has indifferent form and is not regarded as an exceptional specimen. As with most conifers, pruning to mitigate the negative impacts caused by the tree is rarely achievable without detriment to it's health or amenity. The Cherry is in the main obscured from public view by the Cypress. It and has not made a tree of high amenity or one that significantly contributes to the conservation area. Both trees are set back within the garden and their removal is considered to have minimal impact on the surroundings.

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 Graveley 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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