

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

CASE OFFICER: ...Henry Thomas.....

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/00927/TCA	T1: Scots Pine - Fell and remove. T2: Lime - Remove. T3: 5x Yew - Crown lift and reduce by 30%	Barkway House 66 High Street Barkway Royston Hertfordshire SG8 8EE

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan

1.0 Policies

2.0 Site History

- 2.1 20/00818/TCA - T1 Lime - Fell. T2 Yew - Fell. T3 Holm Oak - Crown lift by 1-1.5m. T4 Yew - Fell.
T5 x5 Yew - Mild crown reduction. T6 Ash - Fell. T7, T8 Sycamore - Remove overhanging limbs
- 2.2 19/02608/TCA - T1, T2 Pine - Fell. T3, T4 Yew - Reduce height by 1/3

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 None.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The site is a detached dwelling on the corner of the Barkway High Street and Church Lane. The site is located within the Barkway Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

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4.3 **Key Issues**

4.3.1 The key issue for consideration is the impact that the proposed works would have on the character and appearance of the Barkway Conservation Area.

- ☐ T1 and T2 are located to the rear of the property and have limited to no visibility from the public realm. T3 are located to the front of the dwelling and are visible from the highway.
- ☐ The proposed works to T3 are remedial and would not harm the significance or the health of the trees. The proposed scale of the works would be appropriate in maintaining the trees.
- ☐ T1 has a significant lean. In my view, it would not have the longevity required to warrant the further protection of a tree preservation order.
- ☐ T2 has grown in close proximity to the garage outbuilding. In my view, it has outgrown its position, I do not consider that the tree is worthy of the further protection afforded by a tree preservation order.
- ☐ The application form states that applicant seeks to replant a further 10 trees to offset their loss.

4.4 **Conclusion**

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