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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/02246/TCA	T1: Conifer - Fell. T2: Common Holly - Fell.	Tudor Cottage 11 High Street Barley Royston Hertfordshire SG8 8HZ

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 Site History

None relevant

3.0 Representations

None received.

4.0 Planning Considerations

4.1 Site

T1: Conifer, T2: Common Holly, (applicant's plan) are located in the rear garden of the property adjacent to the path and close to the south boundary. The trees are visible to general public only with difficulty. The site is within the Barley Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

T1: Conifer - Fell. T2: Common Holly - 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 visible to the public realm only with difficulty.

4.3.2 The conifer occupies a large portion of the small rear garden and is considered overbearing, affecting amenity and enjoyment of the space. The tree has the potential to increase further in size and will likely outgrow its location in a short time. The tree is obscured in the main from public view by buildings and surrounding tree cover offering limited amenity value. Its removal will have low impact on the surrounding area. The Holly is a mature, multi-stemmed, variegated cultivar that could be reduced in size rather than removed, however the tree is small, not highly visible and not suitable for protection by a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) and therefore its removal is acceptable.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 The proposed works would not result in any adverse impact upon the character, appearance and amenity of the Barley 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	Herts SG6 3JF
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