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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/00436/TCA	T1: Sycamore - Repollard to the previous points, reduce by approx 3m.	The Old Post House Police Row Therfield Royston Hertfordshire SG8 9PH

Submitted Plan Nos

2.0 **Site History**

08/00541/1TCA , 25/02156/TCA

3.0 **Representations**

None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

T1 Sycamore (applicant's plan) subject of this application is located to the rear of the property and on the East boundary. The tree is partly visible to the public realm and surrounding properties. The site is within the Therfield Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

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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 T1 Sycamore is a mature tree with a wide spreading crown. The tree has been previously reduced down to approx. 8m above ground level and now has approx. 8m of regrowth above the points indicating the tree has reasonable vigour. The tree is set back behind the property and although the proposal will have a negative impact on the tree's amenity this should be short-term. The regrowth is now of a size where there is potential for branches to fail as they may have formed weak attachments at the previous pruning locations. The increase in the weight and length of regrowth means an increased leverage is applied to these pruning points increasing failure potential. The proposed pollarding works will reduce the potential of limb failure, does not exceed previous works and is good arboricultural practice.

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 Therfield 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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