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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/00435/TCA	Group 1: Apple, Plum, Pear - Removal of dead, diseased and dying branches, reduction of or previous years growth by a 3rd. T1: Scots pine - Thin by 25% and reduce by up 2m to suitable growth points. T2: Scots pine - Reduce limb over garage by 2m and thin by 10%.	Fiveways Willian Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 2AA

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

17/01239/1TCA, 17/02543/1TCA

3.0 **Representations**

None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

Group 1 Apple, Plum, Pear (applicant's plan) subject of this application are located to the rear of The Lodge and on the East boundary abutting Letchworth Lane. These trees are not visible to the public realm. T1 and T2 2x Scots Pine (applicant's plan) are located at the front of the property on south boundary and are highly visible to the public realm and surrounding properties. The site is within the Letchworth 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 Some trees are highly visible to the public realm.

4.3.2 Group 1 Apple, Plum, Pear are small fruit trees and the proposed works are suitable management for these trees in the production of fruit and good husbandry.

4.3.3 T1 -T2 2x Scots Pine are large mature trees that are prominent to users of Willian Road and offer high amenity to the area. The proposed works to T1 will have a negative impact on the amenity of the tree, but are not considered to be excessive or detrimental to it's health and long-term retention. The proposed works to T2 are minimal and the reduction of the limb over the garage will prevent the branch causing direct damage by coming into contact with the roof.

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: 13 March 2026	