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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/00437/TCA	T1: Ash - 25% reduction which includes 15% thin and 3m reduction on over extended limbs	The Old Vicarage Church Lane Weston Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 7DJ

Submitted Plan Nos

2.0 **Site History**

17/01082/1TCA

3.0 **Representations**

None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

T1 Ash (applicant's plan) subject of this application is located to the West of the entrance driveway to south of the house. The tree is partly visible to the public realm and the site is within the Weston Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

T1: Ash - 25% reduction which includes 15% thin and 3m reduction on over extended limbs

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 Ash is a mature tree showing outward signs of normal health with no obvious defects present. Minor deadwood is present within the crown and it appears the tree may have had its central stem apical dominance reduced or fail in the past. The tree has a spreading crown with good bud formation. The tree is likely to respond reasonably well to a 25% reduction which is not considered unreasonable or excessive or likely to detrimental to the long-term health of the tree.

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 Weston 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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