

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/00439/TCA	T1: Conifer - Reduce to a 5m Monolith. T2, T3: Conifer - Reduce crown by 2m.	1 Baldock Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3LB

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 Site History

None relevant.

3.0 Representations

None received.

4.0 Planning Considerations

4.1 Site and Surroundings

T1 -T3 3x conifers (applicant's plan) subject of this application are located to the rear of the property on the SE boundary. The trees are partly visible to the public realm and surrounding properties. The site is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 Proposal

T1: Conifer - Reduce to a 5m Monolith. T2, T3: Conifer - Reduce crown by 2m.

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 -T3 3x Conifers were identified as 3x Leyland Cypress that have grown up with the lower crowns removed or shaded out and affectively created a form known as 'lion's tailing' . This makes the trees more susceptible to wind-loading that exerts pressure on the lower stem. The trees are close to neighbouring property, overbearing and are a potential future nuisance. A reduction of T1 to 5m will mitigate this nuisance and the reduction to T2-T3 by 2m will restrict the trees from becoming too tall and will reduce the wind-loading effect.

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	
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