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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/02068/TCA	Oak - Trim by approx 25%.	<i>Land Adjacent To 1 Pondside Graveley Hertfordshire SG4 7LG</i>

2.0 **Site History**

23/02218/TCA- Field Maple - Cut lateral branches to reduce the overhang.- No objection

26/02066/TCA - Field Maple - Trim by approx 20%.– pending

3.0 **Representations**

None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site**

Oak (applicant's plan) is located on the North boundary of the area of land south of No. 1 Pondsides. The tree is set back from the road but is partly visible to the general public. The site is within the Graveley Conservation Area.

4.2 Proposal

Oak - Trim by approx 25%.

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 visible to the public realm.

4.3.2 Oak is a mature tree with an asymmetrical crown created by previous pruning works to restrict overhang into the neighbouring property on its north side. The tree has previously undergone a crown reduction and now presents approx. 2-3m regrowth. Oak has a durable heartwood that has a high resistance to decay. The proposed reduction is unlikely to exceed previous pruning points and thus should not remove existing barriers to microbial ingress; heartwood exposure is also expected to be minimal. The works will have a short-term negative impact on the aesthetics of the tree, but good recovery is anticipated and the works are not expected to be detrimental to the long-term health and retention of the tree.

4.4 Conclusion

4.4.1 The proposed works would not result in any adverse impact upon the character, appearance and amenity of the Graveley 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.