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**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

26/01347/TCA

4x Conifer - Remove

14 Davis Crescent

Pirton

Hitchin

Hertfordshire

SG5 3RB

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

24/00295/TCA- 5x Conifer - Remove - No objection

3.0 **Representations**

None

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site**

4 x Conifer (applicants plan) are located at the front of the property on the south boundary. The trees are visible to the public and are visible to neighbouring properties. The site is within the Pirton Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

4x Conifer - Remove

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 trees are visible to the public realm.

4.3.2 The 4x conifers were identified as *Chamaecyparis lawsoniana* 'Elwoodii' usually described as dwarf conifers and although mature were little more than 2m in height. The trees are visible to the public realm , but being small and insignificant, they contribute minimal amenity to the surroundings. There is little useful amenity benefit in securing their retention and so their removal is acceptable.

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 Pirton 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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