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**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

26/01300/TCA

Multi-stemmed Ash - Remove the
remaining section on safety grounds.

26 Royal Oak Lane
Pirton
Hertfordshire
SG5 3QT

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

06/02803/1TCA - Reduce 2 x Ash by 30%. – No objection

97/01074/1TCA - Pruning of Ash tree - No objection

23/01994/TCA - T1. Thorn Spices - Lift to 2.4m, dead wood and a light thin. (20m back opposite patio doors in rear garden. - No objection

3.0 **Representations**

None

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site**

Ash (applicants plan) is located on the eastern end of the North boundary of the rear garden of the site. The tree is not visible to the public, but is visible to neighbouring properties. The site is within the Pirton Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

Multi-stemmed Ash - Remove the remaining section on safety grounds.

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 not visible to the public realm.

4.3.2 The supporting photographs submitted with the application show the Ash in a partial state of collapse with half the tree already failed and extensive decay present in the remaining stem. The tree has already been removed for safety reasons as it posed a substantial risk to persons and property in its current state and a number of new trees have been planted at the site.

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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