

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/01299/TCA	T1: Silver Birch - Fell to ground level. T2: Medlar - Fell to ground level. T3: Cork Screw Hazel - Fell to ground level.	Spring House 7 High Street Ashwell Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5NL

Submitted Plan Nos

2.0 **Site History**

02/00126/1TCA - Pruning two Irish Yew trees – No objection

02/01344/1TCA - Reduce Yew Tree crown by 25% and shape remaining crown. – No objection

16/02763/1TCA - Raise canopy by 2 metres to one Sycamore tree; reduce Laurel hedge by 50%. Remove one Ash tree. – No objection

22/02580/TCA - Mature Ash - Reduce two lowest limbs over property side by 3m to suitable growth points. 2x Lime - Crown lift to 5m - No objection

3.0 **Representations**

Ashwell Parish council had no objection and asked that the householder replaces these trees with three native trees.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site**

T1: Silver Birch, T2: Medlar, and T3: Cork Screw Hazel (applicant's plan) are all located within the rear garden to the south of the property. The trees are not highly visible to the public realm. The site is within the Ashwell Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

T1: Silver Birch - Fell to ground level. T2: Medlar - Fell to ground level. T3: Cork Screw Hazel - Fell to ground level.

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 not highly visible to the public realm.

4.3.2 The photos submitted with the application show all subject trees are small insignificant and mainly dead. Dead trees are an exception to a 'section 211 notice' but 5 working days prior written notice must be given to the authority before cutting down or carrying out other work on a dead tree. The trees can therefore be removed without further reference to the council. The council are not able to add conditions, such as replacement tree planting, to a 'section 211 notice'.

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 Ashwell 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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