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CASE OFFICER: …Melissa Tyler……

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
18/00543/TPO	A1- Lawson Cypress. - Fell. A2 Lawson cypress - Reduce height by up to 5m.	Bemac House Fifth Avenue Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 2HF

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 Relevant History

1.1 none

3.0 Representations

3.1 No consultation undertaken.

4.0 Planning Considerations

4.1 Site & Surroundings

4.1.1 The trees at located at the front of Bemac House on Fifth Avenue. The trees are situated between Bemac House and a row of trees that front Baldock Road. The frontage of Bemac House includes a number of tall, mature trees, all of which fall under a group Tree Preservation Order, reference TPO/092.

4.2 Proposal

4.2.1 A1 – Lawson Cypress – Fell
A2 Lawson Cypress – Reduce height by up to 5 metres.

4.3 Key Issues

4.3.1 The key issue for consideration is the impact the proposed works would have on the character and appearance of the area.

4.3.2 The proposed works include the entire felling and removal of a (A1) Lawson Cypress. Whilst this tree does appear to be healthy and does contribute to the character of the area, as this is one tree within a large group, it is noted that the overall, wider character of the area would be retained. Furthermore, the reasons given for the proposed removal of this tree is and replant with similar species is that A1 is multi stemmed and a large portion is ivy covered to a point where it is not reasonable remove it. Removing the 3 worst affected stems would leave the remaining tree open to wind throw. In light of these observations, it is considered that any objection to the removal of this tree would not be sustainable, as there would not be any significant or demonstrable harm to the character of the area as a result of the loss of the tree. As such, no objection is raised with regard to the removal of this tree.

4.4 Conclusion

4.4.1 In my view the proposed works would be acceptable.

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