

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

26/01975/TCA

T1: Contorted Willow - Fell to ground
level . T2 & T3 2x Ash - Fell to ground
level

25 Sollershott West
Letchworth Garden City
Hertfordshire
SG6 3PU

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

07/02008/1TCA - Removal of 1 Ash tree - No objection

14/02324/1TCA - Removal of 3 Ash trees (T1, T2 & T3) reduce canopy by 20% of 1 Oak tree (T4) and 1 Beech tree (T5). – No objection

20/01566/TCA - T1, T2, T3, T4, T5 Ash - Fell to ground level - No objection

3.0 **Representations**

None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site**

T1 Contorted Willow (applicant's plan) is located in the rear garden to the south of the property, while T2, T3 2x Ash (applicant's plan) are located in the front garden to the north of the property. The trees are barely visible to the public realm. The site is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

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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 T1 Contorted Willow expresses outward signs of being approx. 90% dead, the tree is unlikely to recover and further retention is not viable. The tree is not visible to the public realm and the impact of its removal on the surrounding area will be negligible.

4.3.4 T2 and T3 2x Ash are small trees, much reduced in size either by previous tree surgery works or stem failures. They are both in poor condition and decline with T2 appearing to be 90% dead. T3 also shows signs of decay with woodpecker holes evident in the top section of the main stem. Both trees are likely to continue to decline leading to their inevitable collapse and it is therefore prudent to remove them.

4.4 **Conclusion**

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