

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

CASE OFFICER: ...Francis Mabbett.....

**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

26/01967/TCA

Liquid Amber - Remove

15 The Chilterns

Hitchin

Hertfordshire

SG4 9PP

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

Various tree works applications at the site, the most recent:

20/00087/TCA - Lime - Reduce by approx 10% and remove low hanging limb - No objection

20/01721/TCA - Various works including removal (as per schedule) - No objection

20/02824/TCA - Cedar - Reduce by approx 2m - No objection

24/00455/TCA - T01 Lime- Lift canopy to approx 4m, remove deadwood, prune away from utility line to give 1.5m-2m clearance. T02 Lime - Lift canopy and remove deadwood. T04 Lime - Remove deadwood. T06 Horse Chesnut - Re-reduce to previous reduction points. - No objection

3.0 **Representations**

None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site**

Liquid Amber (applicant's plan) is located in the rear garden at the south of the site. The tree is not visible to the general public. The site is within the Hitchin Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

Liquid Amber - 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 tree is not visible to the public realm.

4.3.2 T1 Liquidambar has already been removed prior to the expiration of the 6 weeks section 211 notice for safety reasons according to the applicant. Photos provided by the applicant show the tree 90% dead with necrotic leaves remaining attached to the branches and exudations clearly visible from the main stem. The tree was unlikely to recover and the removal is acceptable.

4.4 **Conclusion**

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