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**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

26/01905/TCA

Cherry - Prune by 20%

Land Outside 2-4

St Albans Road

Codicote

Hertfordshire

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

16/00187/1TCA - Re shape 9 Cherry Trees by 20% (T1-T9) - No objection

3.0 **Representations**

None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site**

Cherry (applicant's plan) is located on the grassed area adjacent to the south side of the Pelican Crossing outside 2-4 St Albans Road. The tree is highly visible to the public realm. The site is within the Codicote Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

Cherry - Prune by 20%

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 highly visible to the public realm.

4.3.2 Cherry is small, but mature tree of indifferent form located in a prominent place on the High Street. There is obvious signs of the tree's crown encroaching and in contact with the adjacent traffic light signals, with the potential to obscure these if left unmanaged. The tree has undergone a crown reduction in the past and the proposed should not exceed these previous pruning points where barriers to microbial ingress are likely to exist. The tree's crown hangs low and could be an obstruction to pedestrians using adjacent footpaths. The proposed reduction will mitigate the issues with traffic signals, while at the same time improve access beneath the crown and also aid in shaping the tree.

4.4 **Conclusion**

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