

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/00110/TCA	Conifer - Remove	174 Wilbury Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 4JA

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 Site History

21/02993/TCA

3.0 Representations

None

4.0 Planning Considerations

4.1 Site and Surroundings

The Conifer tree subject of this application is located on front boundary of the property close to the pavement and overhanging the road. The tree is clearly visible to the public realm. The site is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 Proposal

Conifer – 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 clearly visible to the public realm.

4.3.2 The conifer was identified as a Western red Cedar (*Thuja spp.*), the tree appeared healthy with a canopy that hangs low over the pavement and spreads just into the road potentially causing a minor obstruction to high sided vehicles. The tree has been previously topped which has negatively affected its form, with it appearing flat topped and lacking the natural pyramidal shape associated with mature specimens of this species. Although the tree does contribute some amenity to the area it is considered only moderate and it appears incongruous with surrounding tree species. This with its poor form due to previous management means it falls short of meeting the requirements for protection by a Tree Preservation Order.

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 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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