

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/00045/TCA	T1: Lilac - Coppice at the height of the wall. T2: Plum - Pollard at a 4m to a framework and remove the stem at the back, pushing on the fence. T3: Lilac - Remove the stems of the plum growing from the root system growing in front of the Lilac. Cut back or remove the branches growing into the fence to give up to 30 cm clearance. T4: Self Set Plum - Cut to ground level and eco plug. T5. Holly - Hedge cut all around and being heavier at the top to round off and start to train into a dome/ball. Prune back the branches from the adjacent Apple to give clearance if required.	40 High Street Ashwell Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5NW

Submitted Plan Nos

2.0 **Site History**

None relevant.

3.0 **Representations**

None

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

The trees T1-T4 (applicant's plan) subject of this application are all located in the rear garden of the property. The site is within the Ashwell Conservation Area. The trees are not visible to the public realm and only partly to surrounding properties.

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 visible to the public realm.

4.3.2 All trees are small and of little significance. The proposed works although will have a temporary negative impact on the amenity of the trees appears reasonable and the impact on the conservation area is negligible.

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 Ashwell 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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