

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/00202/TCA	T023: Reduce north limb by 50%	War Memorial Lucas Lane Ashwell Hertfordshire

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 Site History

18/01636/TCA

3.0 Representations

None

4.0 Planning Considerations

4.1 Site and Surroundings

T023 (applicant's plan) subject of this application is located adjacent to the South of the War Memorial. The tree is highly visible to the public realm and surrounding properties. The site is within the Ashwell Conservation Area.

4.2 Proposal

T023: Reduce north limb by 50%

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 highly visible to the public realm.

4.3.2 T023 is one of a pair of Beech trees either side of the War Memorial. The trees appeared to have good vitality with branches of T023 growing low and close to the memorial. The reduction of the north limb by 50% will clear the memorial and should not adversely affect the amenity of the tree.

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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