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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/00188/TCA	T1; Apple - Fell to ground level. T2: Pine - Crown lifted to a max height of 4m, max branch diameter of 150mm. T3: Giant Redwood - Clearance of deadwood throughout. Crown lift to 3m.	26a Whitehorse Street Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 6QQ

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

None relevant.

3.0 **Representations**

None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

T1 Malus, T2 Pinus and T3 Sequoiadendron (applicant's plan) subject of this application are located to the rear of the property. The trees are visible from the The Twitchell footpath to the public realm and to surrounding properties The site is within the Baldock Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

T1; Malus 'Bramley's Seedling' Fell to ground level due to the tree being situated under a Pinus canopy and declining health. To be replaced by a suitable ornamental fruit tree species in the appropriate position. T2: Pinus Sp. Crown lifted to a maximum height of 4 meters; maximum branch diameter of 150mm. T3: Sequoiadendron giganteum. Clearance of deadwood throughout. Crown lift to 3 meters

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 visible to the public realm.

4.3.2 The Apple is the least visible and is suppressed under the low canopy of the Pine tree, its removal will have minimal impact on the amenity of the area. The lifting of the crowns of the Pine and Redwood will allow for access underneath and for light to reach the small garden and is unlikely to negatively affect the appearance of these trees. The exceptions to tree works applications on protected trees allow removal of dead branches from a living tree without prior notice or consent.

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 Baldock Conservation Area.

4.5 **Alternative Options**

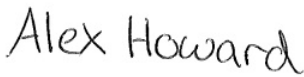
4.5.1 None applicable

4.6 **Pre-Commencement Conditions**

4.6.1 None applicable

5.0 **Recommendation**

5.1 No objection.

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