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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/00203/TCA	T667: Holm Oak - Reduce the southwest side of the tree by 3m. T688: Holm Oak - Reduce branches to provide a 3m clearance from the property.	Ashwell Cemetery Station Road Ashwell Hertfordshire SG7 5LW

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

Various tree works applications at the site.

3.0 **Representations**

None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

T667 Holm Oak (applicant's plan) is located on the middle boundary close to the main building on site. T688 Holm Oak (applicant's plan) is located on the SE boundary close to the neighbouring building. Both trees are visible to the public using the Cemetery, the trees are within the Ashwell Conservation Area

4.2 **Proposal**

T667: Holm Oak - Reduce the southwest side of the tree by 3m. T688: Holm Oak - Reduce branches to provide a 3m clearance from the property.

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 T667 has been subject to recent storm damage on the NW side of the tree where it has shed a large limb and some remedial work has been performed. The limb failure appears to be due to the presence of included bark at the main fork. The proposed work is to reduce the opposite side of the crown by 3m which would reshape and balance the crown of the tree and prevent further limb failure.

4.3.3 T688 has a crown growing very close to if not in contact with the neighbouring property and the potential for direct damage caused by branches coming into contact with the building is high. The proposed works would look to mitigate this issue and will have a minimal impact on the amenity of this tree.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 The proposed works are necessary to retain a tree and mitigate a potential nuisance and 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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