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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/02225/TCA	T1: Silver Birch - Reduce crown by around 30% (around 2-3m) to bring back into proportion and reduce wind and stress loading on the main stem connection.	45 Stockens Green Knebworth Hertfordshire SG3 6DQ

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

19/02474/TCA - T1 Silver Birch - Reduce by 30% – No objection

3.0 **Representations**

None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site**

T1 Silver Birch (applicant's plan) is located close to the south boundary in the rear garden of the property. The tree is partly visible to general public. The site is within the Knebworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

T1: Silver Birch - Reduce crown by around 30% (around 2-3m) to bring back into proportion and reduce wind and stress loading on the main stem connection.

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 partly visible to the public realm.

4.3.2 T1 Silver Birch is a mature tree that has been reduced previously. Re-growth of 2-3m is present and appears healthy. A reduction by 2-3m is unlikely to exceed previous pruning works and breach existing barrier zones to microbial ingress. Therefore, the work should not be detrimental to the health of the tree. The works will have a negative effect on the visual aesthetics of the tree, but this is anticipated to be short-term with the impact on amenity to the surrounding area low.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 The proposed works would not result in any adverse impact upon the character, appearance and amenity of the Knebworth 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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