

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

26/02200/TCA

B. Lawson Cypress - Fell. A. Birch - Fell.
C. Damson - Loping/Prune.

2 Croft Lane
Letchworth Garden City
Hertfordshire
SG6 1AP

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

18/03091/TCA – T1 Ash - Crown reduce by 30% and spread reduction. T2 Pear - Reduce height by 40% - No objection

19/00846/TCA - Lawson Cypress Cultivar – Remove - No objection

19/01180/TCA - Cypress Lawson - Remove- No objection

20/00564/TCA - Plum - Remove- No objection

3.0 **Representations**

None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site**

A Birch (applicant's plan) is located on the North boundary of the property, while **B** Lawson's Cypress and **C** Damson (applicant's plan) are located close to the southern boundary of the property. The trees are partly visible to general public. The site is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

B. Lawson Cypress - Fell. A. Birch - Fell. C. Damson - Loping/Prune.

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 partly visible to the public realm.

4.3.2 Tree **A** Birch and tree **B** Lawson's Cypress have a clear outward appearance of being dead or 90% dead. They are now at high risk of collapse and should be removed at the earliest convenience. Dead trees are an exception to a 'section 211 notice' but 5 working days prior written notice must be given to the authority before cutting down or carrying out other work on a dead.

4.3.3 Tree **C** Damson is described by applicant as *"lost about 30% of its trunk due to excessive weight and the drought. We have trimmed it back for safety reasons and need to neaten up the rough snapped off end"*. Pruning for safety reasons or to tidy damaged branches is good practice as in some cases it can save a tree from total collapse and reduce the size of the wound, improving conditions for callus growth production to combat ingress of microbial infection.

4.4 **Conclusion**

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