

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

26/01584/TCA

T1: Portuguese Laurel - Fell to ground
level.

7 Sollershott West
Letchworth Garden City
Hertfordshire
SG6 3PU

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

Various tree works applications at the site, the most recent:

19/01756/TCA - T9 Lime - Lift branches over hanging path into field by up to 2.5m. T11 Apple - Remove lowest limb and reduce remaining canopy by between 2/3m. T18 Beech - Reduce lowest limbs by up to 3 m over driveway. T19 Western Red Cedar - Crown reduce by up to 2m. Remove 2 x lowest limbs on neighbours side – No objection

19/02759/TCA - T1 Beech - Fell to ground level – No objection

3.0 **Representations**

None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site**

T1 Portuguese Laurel is located on the boundary opposite the South-west aspect of the property building. The tree is partly visible to the public realm. The site is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

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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 The Portuguese Laurel is a mature tree with a clear outward appearance of being dead. It is 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 tree. The tree can be removed without further reference to the council.

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 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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