

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

24/01851/TCA

T1: Copper Beech - Prune branches by approx 2 to 3m. T2: Cherry - Remove. T3, T4: Cypress - Fell. T5: Pine - Prune branches overhanging boundary line back to main stem.

39 South View
Letchworth Garden City
Hertfordshire
SG6 3JJ

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan

1.0 Policies

1.1 **Planning Practice Guidance**

Tree Preservation Orders and Trees in Conservation Areas

2.0 **Site History**

- 2.1 03/01715/1TCA Reduction of canopy of Beech Tree by approx 2m. **NO OBJECTION**
- 2.2 11/01535/1TCA Reduction of canopy of 1 Copper Beech Tree by approximately 20% and lightly lift canopy over access road. **NO OBJECTION**
- 2.3 15/02458/1TCA Reduce canopy by approximately 2 meters and lift canopy 1 Purple Leaf Plum Tree (T1 & T2), **NO OBJECTION**
- 2.4 18/03063/TCA T1 Copper Beech - Reduce by approx 2-2.50m **NO OBJECTION**

3.0 **Representations**

- 3.1 Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation – No reply received to date

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

- 4.1.1 39 South View is a detached dwelling located in the Letchworth Conservation Area. There are many trees on the site of varying specimen.

4.2 **Proposal**

- 4.2.1 Permission is sought for

T1: Copper Beech - Prune branches by approx 2 to 3m.

T1 (Blue) – Copper Beech (Fig 2,3,4,5) – Prune branches by approximately 2 to 3 metres, particular focus on Eastern and Western aspects which are encroaching on neighbouring properties

T2: Cherry - Remove.

T2 – (Black) – Cherry tree – This tree is in poor health, potentially following inadequate pruning practices (Fig 6 & 7). The client wishes to remove and replant with either the same species or a suitable native species.

T3, T4: Cypress - Fell.

T3 – Cypress – (Red) (Fig 8) – Concerns are raised with the proximity of this species to neighbouring properties. The client wishes to fell and replant with a more suitably sized native species in a different area, such as a Rowan

T4 – Cypress (Green) – This tree is causing damage to the pond and as such, is not in a suitable location (Fig 9). The client wishes to fell and replant elsewhere with a suitably sized native species such as a Birch.

T5: Pine - Prune branches overhanging boundary line back to main stem.

T5 – Pine – Fig 10. Prune branches overhanging boundary line back to main stem to balance the crown of the tree as an asymmetrical crown can increase the risk of failure

4.3 **Key Issues**

- 4.3.1 The key issue for consideration is the impact that the proposed works would have on the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.
- 4.3.2 The felling of the Cherry and Cypress trees are considered to be acceptable due to their location in relation to neighbouring properties and decline in health and would not result in a harmful impact upon the Conservation Area.
- 4.2.3 The proposed works to the remaining trees would not warrant the need for protection under a preservation order. In my opinion the works would not result in any harm to the appearance of the conservation area.

4.4 **Conclusion**

The proposed works would not result in any unacceptable adverse impact upon the character or appearance of the Conservation Area.

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Determining Officer Date: 26 September 2024	