

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/00717/TCA	T1: Norway Spruce - Fell to ground level	130 Rushby Mead Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 1SF

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 Site History

None relevant.

3.0 Representations

None received.

4.0 Planning Considerations

4.1 Site and Surroundings

T1:Norway Spruce (applicant's plan) subject of this application is located inrear garden of 128 Rushby Mead. 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 T1 is a tall, mature tree with noticeably low needle density throughout the crown indicating the tree is in decline. It is set back from the main public view and its amenity value is now diminished due to it's poor condition. The tree is expected to continue to decline further and is therefore not suitable for long-term retention. Its removal is considered to have minimal impact on the amenity of the surrounding area.

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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Determining Officer	
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