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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/00716/TCA	T2: Norway Spruce - Fell to ground level	128 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

T2:Norway Spruce (applicant's plan) subject of this application is located on the boundary between 128 and 130 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 barely visible to the public realm.
- 4.3.2 T2 is a tall mature tree with extensive ivy growth up the stem and into the top crown where there appears to be a 'shake', likely caused by the death or removal of the apical bud in the past. The tree is quite overbearing and is situated in close proximity to the property buildings. The tree is likely to continue to increase size and as is normal with most conifers will not respond well to pruning which would likely be irreversibly detrimental to its amenity value and so it needs considerable space to be retained. The tree is likely to outgrow its context and is not suitable for long-term retention.

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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