

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/00713/TCA	T1: Hawthorn - Crown reduce by 3m all round to maintain size and shape. T2: Sycamore - Crown reduce by 1- 2m all round to maintain size and shape.	Jackie's Drop-in Centre Broadway Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3PA

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 Site History

22/00075/TCA - T1 Group of Lime - Crown Reduction/Prune overhanging branches. T2 Cassia - Prune overhanging branches. T3 Silver Birch - Crown Raising / thinning. No objection

3.0 Representations

None received.

4.0 Planning Considerations

4.1 Site and Surroundings

T1: Hawthorn and T2: Sycamore (applicant's plan) subject of this application are located close to the West boundary of the site. The trees are partly visible to the public realm. The site is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 Proposal

T1: Hawthorn - Crown reduce by 3m all round to maintain size and shape. T2: Sycamore - Crown reduce by 1-2m all round to maintain size and shape.

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 barely visible to the public realm.

4.3.2 T1 and T2 are semi- mature trees that appear to have had limited previous management and are beginning to outgrow their context. A crown reduction to both trees will retain them at a suitable size for their location while mitigating any nuisance arising from branches growing to close to buildings or over neighbouring gardens. The proposed works are not considered excessive and both trees should respond well to the works, which will have a negligible effect on the amenity of the surroundings.

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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