

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/00750/TCA	Hornbeam (species amended) - Crown reduced by 2m all over	Box Tree Cottage Arch Road Great Wymondley Hitchin Hertfordshire SG4 7ET

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

Hornbeam (species amended) (applicant's plan) subject of this application is located on the North boundary of the rear garden. The tree is partly visible to the public realm. The site is within the Great Wymondley Conservation Area.

4.2 Proposal

Hornbeam (species amended) - Crown reduced by 2m all over

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 Holm Oak was identified from a distance as a fastigate Hornbeam and so the species was amended. The tree was just breaking bud at the time of inspection and looked in normal health. The tree, although a fastigate form, is beginning to spread considerably, as is not unusual with this cultivar and now occupies a large part of the rear garden with considerable spread over the boundary onto the neighbouring property. A reduction by 2m will serve to restrict the size of the tree while not being regarded as excessive or detrimental to it's health. The works will have a limited negative impact on the amenity of the tree, but this will be short-term as the tree is anticipated to recover well.

Conclusion

4.4.1 The proposed works would not result in any unacceptable adverse impact upon the character, appearance and amenity of the Great Wymondley 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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