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**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

26/01711/TCA

Various tree works

St Christopher School

Barrington Road

Letchworth Garden City

Hertfordshire

SG6 3JZ

Submitted Plan Nos

Tree report

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

Various tree works applications at the site the most recent:

19/01587/TCA - Leyland Cypress – Fell – No objection

24/01129/TCA - T33 Hazel - Fell. T79 Field Maple - Fell. T96 Sycamore - Fell. T99 Silver Birch - Fell. – No objection

26/01067/TCA - 2x Apple – Remove - No objection

3.0 **Representations**

None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site**

All trees (applicant's plan) are located across the various sites associated with St Christopher School. Some trees are visible to the public realm and to students, staff and residents of the school. The site is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

Various tree works

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 partly visible to the public realm.

4.3.2 The works specified were provided in tree survey for the site conducted by A. G. MITCHELL COUNTRYSIDE and are mainly in accord with normal ongoing maintenance required in the managing of tree stock. All fells specified are dead trees or small trees that are either in poor condition or are not suitable for long-term retention. The impact of their removal on the surrounding area is considered low.

4.3.3 The most prominent tree identified for works in the survey is T187 Sycamore located adjacent to Baldock Road. The tree is mature with deadwood present in the crown and the specified reduction is unlikely to be detrimental to the health of the tree or have a significant adverse effect of its amenity. However, the works will have a short-term negative effect of the visual appearance of the tree, but there is sufficient adjacent tree cover to mitigate this until the tree recovers.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 The proposed works would not result in any 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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