

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

26/01715/TCA

T1, T2, T3: Sycamore - Reduce by 30%.
T4: Conifer - Fell to ground level

6 Norton Way North
Letchworth Garden City
Hertfordshire
SG6 1BY

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

None relevant

3.0 **Representations**

None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site**

T1-T3 3x Sycamore (applicant's plan) are located on the West boundary at the front of the site with T4 conifer (applicant's email) set back from the West boundary within a group of conifers also at the front of the site. The trees are 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 trees are visible to the public realm.

4.3.2 The 3x Sycamore are young, likely self-set trees, that form a line on the front boundary, they are small and partly obscured by surrounding tree cover on the street scene. The proposed works will have a negative impact on the visual appearance of the trees, but this will be short-term and is not likely to be detrimental to the health of the trees or highly noticeable to the public realm.

4.3.3 The conifer identified by confirmation email of 27/07/2026 was identified as a Lawson's Cypress and is a small tree suppressed by larger adjacent cedar trees. The impact of its removal on the surrounding area will be negligible.

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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