

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/00629/TCA	Elder - Remove	4A Dixies Close Ashwell Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5QN

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

Elder (applicant's plan) subject of this application is located at the front of the property on the NE boundary of the site. The tree is visible to the public realm. The site is within the Ashwell Conservation Area.

4.2 Proposal

Elder – Remove

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 visible to the public realm.

4.3.2 The Elder shown in submitted supporting photo is mature and multi-stemmed small tree, with a spreading crown that is likely making contact with the boundary fence. Elder are known to have allelopathic properties making it hard to establish other plants beneath or close by. This species rarely makes a large tree of significance and is usually found in hedgerow or scrubland. It lacks presence and provides only limited amenity to the area, therefore it is not considered to be suitable for protection under a Tree Preservation Order.

4.4 **Conclusion**

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