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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/00634/TCA	T1: Apple - Pollard, back to previous points. T2: Prune - Reduce the height by 3-4m and shape the crown, cutting to viable growth where possible.	8 Woodforde Close Ashwell Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5QE

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**

T1 Apple and T2 Prunus (applicant's plan) subject of this application are located in the rear garden to the East of the site. The trees are not highly visible to the public realm. The site is within the Ashwell Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

T1. Apple - Pollard, back to previous points. T2. Prunes - Reduce the height by 3-4 metres and shape the crown, cutting to viable growth where possible.

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 not highly visible to the public realm.

4.3.2 T1 Apple has been previously reduced with regrowth present. Pollarding the tree back to previous points is unlikely to breach protective barriers created by the tree since the last pruning and so should not be detrimental to the health of the tree. A reduction of T2 Prunus by 3-4m will curtail the tree's size, but could be regarded as excessive and potentially detrimental to the long-term health of the tree. However, the tree's lack of public visibility and indifferent form means it is not 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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