

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/00857/TCA	Ash - Fell and grind out stump	48 Ridge Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 1PN

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 Site History

02/01581/1TCA - Removal of 3 Cypress Trees – No objection

25/00074/TCA - Apple - Fell. 4 x Ellwoodii Conifer - Fell. – No objection

3.0 Representations

None received.

4.0 Planning Considerations

4.1 Site

Ash (applicant's plan) is located close to the SE boundary of the rear garden. The tree is not visible to the public realm, but is to surrounding properties. The site is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 Proposal

Ash - Fell and grind out stump

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 not highly visible to the public realm.

4.3.2 The proposed works to the Ash tree had already been undertaken at the time of my site visit and before expiration of the 6 weeks notice or a decision notice being issued from the council. The photos of the Ash submitted with the application show a small twin stemmed Ash that has been recently reduced, with no record of notice for these works existing either. The tree appears to have been mainly insignificant and would have made only a very limited contribution to the amenity of the surroundings. It therefore would not have met the requirements for protection by a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) and the impact of its removal is negligible.

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 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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