

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/00887/TCA	T1 : Horse Chestnut - Removal	Elm Corner 14 Baldock Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3LB

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 Site History

21/02247/TCA - T1 Cypress - Fell. T2 3x Sycamores - Reduce by 25% after the current growing season, then 25% thin to be carried out after the next growing season.

No objection

24/00740/TCA - Cypress - Reduce to gutter height of neighbouring property

No objection

26/00814/5DN Dangerous tree

3.0 Representations

None received.

4.0 Planning Considerations

4.1 Site and Surroundings

T1 Horse Chestnut (applicant's plan) subject of this application is located in the rear garden to the NW of the site. The tree is 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 tree is visible to the public realm.

4.3.2 T1 Horse Chestnut has recently shed a large stem in high winds with extensive decay present in the butt of the remaining tree. Horse Chestnut has a soft heartwood with poor resistance to decay and the large wound left by the failed stem is likely to aid the rapid spread of existing decay. The remaining stem's structural integrity is therefore compromised and the tree is at high risk of imminent failure. A 5 day notice 26/00814/5DN was issued for the removal of this tree.

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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