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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/00905/TCA	Apple - Prune the central leader from the trunk and leave it level with the other branches. Remove any suckers or limbs that begin to grow below the level of the main branches, lower height where pollarding is appropriate.	21 Shillington Road Pirton Hitchin Hertfordshire SG5 3QJ

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 Site History

Various tree works applications at the site.

3.0 Representations

None received.

4.0 Planning Considerations

4.1 Site

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

4.2 Proposal

Prune the central leader from the trunk and leave it level with the other branches. Remove any suckers or limbs that begin to grow below the level of the main branches, lower height where pollarding is appropriate.

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 visible to the public realm.

4.3.2 The Apple is a mature tree with a spreading crown that encroaches onto neighbouring properties. Due to not being highly visible the proposed works are unlikely to have a negative impact on the amenity of the surrounding area. The works should not be detrimental to the health of the tree and it should respond well.

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 Pirton 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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