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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/00933/TCA	3x Beech - Thin by 1/3	3 Norton Way North Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 1BY

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

3x Beech (applicant's plan) are located in the rear garden on the South boundary of the property. The trees are not highly visible to the public realm, but are visible to neighbouring properties. The site is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 Proposal

3x Beech - Thin by 1/3

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 visible to the public realm.

4.3.2 The proposed thin to the 3x Beech is unlikely to be detrimental to the health of the trees and will allow increased airflow throughout the crown reducing risk of disease. This species can respond unpredictably to heavy pruning and so thinning gives a higher chance of recovery and will also allow light to pass through without altering the shape or general appearance of the trees. The impact of the works on the amenity of the trees and the surrounding area will be 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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