

Tree and Landscape Management Statement

213 Nevells Road, Letchworth Garden City

As part of the renovation and improvement of 213 Nevells Road, an independent arboricultural assessment was commissioned to review the trees and vegetation within the site.

The assessment found that the gardens have become heavily overgrown over many years, with a large number of self-seeded and unmanaged trees creating an overly dense environment. This has resulted in excessive shading, competition between trees for light and resources, and reduced enjoyment and usability of the garden.

An independent structural engineer has also identified slight structural movement within the property and concluded that vegetation-related ground moisture changes are a likely contributing factor. The engineer recommends that trees and dense vegetation close to the building are significantly reduced as part of a wider strategy to minimise the risk of further movement.

Following professional advice, four trees are proposed for removal:

T1 and T2 in the front garden.

T3 in the rear garden, located close to the house.

T4 in the rear garden, located within the footprint of a garage room that has already received planning approval.

The removal of these trees forms part of a considered landscape management strategy rather than wholesale clearance.

To enhance the front garden and maintain the site's green character, T1 and T2 will be replaced with two semi-mature flowering cherry trees standing at circa 2.5m tall around 14cm girth. These replacement trees will provide seasonal interest, biodiversity benefits and a more appropriate long-term landscape setting for the property.

The rear garden contains a substantial number of retained trees and will continue to provide significant canopy cover and biodiversity value following the proposed works. Additional planting in this area is therefore not considered necessary.

The proposed works will improve the health and balance of the landscape, increase natural light to the property, reduce pressure on the building from nearby vegetation, and create a more sustainable and manageable garden while retaining the verdant character of the site.