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CASE OFFICER: …Jo Cousins……

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
18/01282/TCA	Various tree works including reduction and removal.	Ashdale Blacksmiths Lane Reed Royston Hertfordshire SG8 8AY

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

NONE None Relevant

2.0 **Site History**

None

3.0 **Representations**

None

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

Residential property in the Reed Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

The application specifies the works as follows:-
T.1 Maple-Crown Reduction - Reducing the height and spread of the trees 3 metres above fence height. cut back to fence line neighbouring side.
T.2- Laurel/s Crown Reduction - Reducing the height and spread of the trees 3 metres above fence height. cut back to fence line neighbouring side.

T3,4,5,6 Wild Plumb-Crown Reduction - Reducing the height and spread of the tree by up to 2 metres
T.7 Beech- remove 1x low branch on tree
T.8 Ash-Fell to ground level and remove all arisings tree covered in Ivy (Majority of tree is Ivy infested).

Note the application forms list a T9 and T10 but no text or details supplied. I have verbally checked with the agent and he thinks that this was a clerical error and to proceed on the basis of the works listed above.

4.3 **Key Issues**

If the work is considered inappropriate is the tree worthy of the further protection afforded by a TPO.
Assessment – the trees are in a garden location with T1, T7 and T8 being the most publically visible as they are close to the highway. The majority of the works are of a remedial nature that would safeguard the long term health of the trees. The only tree to be removed is an Ash of poor form and health and whilst this is close to the highway there are other trees in the vicinity that will ensure that the amenity of the site is maintained. It is not of any significant public amenity value or such a fine specimen as to warrant the making of a specific TPO.

4.4 **Conclusion**
In this instance no objections raised as the trees are not worthy of further protection in my view.

5.0 **Recommendation**

5.1 No objection.

Signed Simon Ellis Determining Officer	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
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