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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/00145/TCA	T1, T2: Plum Reduce by 50%. T3: Acacia - Reduce to 6ft	2 Ridge Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 1PN

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 Site History

None relevant

3.0 Representations

None

4.0 Planning Considerations

4.1 Site and Surroundings

T1 Plum and T3 Acacia (applicant's plan) subject of this application are located at the NE corner of the property close to Birds Hill. T2 Plum (applicant's plan) is located in the SE corner

of the property. The trees are visible to the public realm and are visible to surrounding properties. The site is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

T1, T2: Plum Reduce by 50%. T3: Acacia - Reduce to 6ft

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 visible to the public realm.

4.3.2 T1 Plum is mature and situated on top of a steep bank above Birds Hill and the pavement. The lower stem of the tree was ivy covered restricting proper inspection, but it is likely tight stem unions exist beneath it, old pruning wounds are also present here. A reduction by 50%, although regarded as heavy, will mitigate any risk of failure due to its position on the bank or from any potential weak forks at the base. T3 Acacia is adjacent to T1, but set further back, it is small, not highly visible and an insignificant tree. T2 Plum is spreading over neighbouring properties and a reduction will prevent the tree becoming a nuisance.

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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