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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/03172/TCA	Willow - Up to a 2m re-pollard back to previous points. Reduce by approx 50%	71 High Avenue Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3QR

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

24/00363/TCA, 25/00066/TCA

3.0 **Representations**

None

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

The Willow subject of this application is located close to the south boundary of the site in the rear garden of the property. The site is within the Letchworth Conservation Area. The tree is barely visible to the public realm and surrounding properties.

4.2 **Proposal**

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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 barely visible to the public realm.

4.3.2 The Willow is a small, contorted cultivar that has been pollarded previously. Re-growth from previous pollarding operation is good showing the tree has good vigour and has coped well with previous works. The works will have short-term negative impact on the amenity of this tree, but cyclical pollarding of this species, which has considerable ability to regenerate new shoots, minimises the size of dysfunctional wood resulting from delayed pruning operations and is in-line with the previous management of this tree.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 Due to the size and location of this tree the proposed works would not result in any unacceptable adverse impact upon the character, appearance or 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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