

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/02468/TCA	T1: Oak - Monolith to 4m. T2: Common Ash - Crown reduction 2m. T3: Oak - Sever ivy from base to 1m. T4: Field Maple - Crown reduction 2m. T5: Common Ash - Sever ivy to 1m	Land Between Sollershott Hall And Spring Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire

Submitted Plan Nos

Tree report

1.0 Policies

2.0 Site History

2.1 None relevant.

3.0 Representations

3.1 n/a

4.0 Planning Considerations

4.1 Site and Surroundings

4.1.1 The trees are located on land adjacent to Spring Road in residential part of Letchworth. The site is located within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 Proposal

4.2.1 The following works are proposed:

- T1: Oak - Monolith to 4m.
- T2: Common Ash - Crown reduction 2m.
- T3: Oak - Sever ivy from base to 1m.
- T4: Field Maple - Crown reduction 2m.
- T5: Common Ash - Sever ivy to 1m.

4.3 Key Issues

4.3.1 The key issues in determining this application are:

- the amenity value of the tree/trees;
- the impact of the proposed work on the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.
- any justification for the proposed work.

4.3.2 The trees are relatively close to Spring Road. They are visible from the public realm and make a positive contribution to the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.

4.3.3 The application has been supported with an arboricultural tree report which provides the following justification for the proposed works:

- T1 – English oak – monolith to 4m. Poor physical condition. Monolith to 4m – all major limbs to be removed. Works required for safety and management. Surrounding trees compensate for loss. 4m remain.

- T2 – Common Ash – crown reduction 2m. Fair condition. Reduce crown by 2m to reduce weight on cavity in tree.
- T3 - English oak – sever ivy from base to 1m. Fair condition.
- T4 – Field Maple – crown reduction 2m. Fair condition. North crown extending over parking bay.
- T5 – Common Ash – sever ivy to 1m. Fair condition.

4.3.4 The proposed works to the trees are remedial and will improve the health and longevity of the trees. The proposed works are modest in scale and would not result in the loss of the trees. There does not appear to be any immediate threat to the trees and therefore there is no evidence to suggest further protection is needed via a Tree Preservation Order.

4.4 Conclusion

4.4.1 The proposed works would not result in any unacceptable adverse impact upon the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.

4.5 Alternative Options

4.5.1 None applicable.

5.0 Recommendation

5.1 No objection.

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