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**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

26/01067/TCA

2x Apple - Remove.

St Christopher School

Barrington Road

Letchworth Garden City

Hertfordshire

SG6 3JZ

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

Various tree works applications at the site.

3.0 **Representations**

None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site**

JS Apple (applicant's plan) is located in the north area of the school grounds while, SL Apple (applicant's plan) is located in the central area of the site. The trees are not visible to the public realm but are visible to users of the school. The site is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

2x Apple - Remove.

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 not highly visible to the public realm.

4.3.2 The photos provided by the applicant shows two fruit trees with cavities present in the stems of the trees. As these trees present obvious defects and are in high target areas that see a lot of foot fall from staff and students, it is prudent to remove the risk created by their potential failure. The removal of these two trees is unlikely to have a significant impact on the amenity or character of the surrounding area and is therefore acceptable.

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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