

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

CASE OFFICER: ...Francis Mabbett.....

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/01263/TCA	T1: Cherry - Reduce by 2-3m. Cut back to behind kerb from car parking spaces	Land Opposite 14-26 Birds Hill Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 Site History

16/01179/1TCA - Remove one Acacia tree – No objection

3.0 Representations

None received.

4.0 Planning Considerations

4.1 Site

T1 Cherry (applicant's plan) is located on the grass verge between Birds Hill and the car parking spaces located opposite properties No.18 and No.20. The tree is partly visible to the public realm and is visible to neighbouring properties. The site is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

T1: Cherry - Reduce by 2-3m. Cut back to behind kerb from car parking spaces

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 partly visible to the public realm.

4.3.2 T1 is a mature, but small tree with a wide spreading crown that intrudes over the parking bays and hangs low, only 0.5m above ground in places. A crown reduction will restrict the trees size and remove the issue of branches coming into contact with pedestrians and vehicles. It is advised where practical pruning of cherries takes place over the summer months June-August when the xylem tissues are most resistant to invasion by fungus. The works will have a low negative impact on the amenity of the tree, but this anticipated to be short-term.

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.

Signed  Naomi Reynard	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 11 June 2026	