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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/00322/TCA	4x Hornbeam, Conifer - Fell, Process and Remove.	55 Shott Lane Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 1SD

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 Site History

None relevant

3.0 Representations

None received.

4.0 Planning Considerations

4.1 Site and Surroundings

4x Hornbeam (applicant's plan) subject of this application are located on the West boundary of the rear garden of the property. The conifer is located nearer the centre of the rear garden. The trees are not visible to the public realm and are visible to surrounding properties. The site is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 Proposal

4x Hornbeam, Conifer - Fell, Process and 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 visible to the public realm.

4.3.2 The Hornbeams are small, ivy covered group that lack form. They provide some screening to properties behind the rear boundary, but are not good specimens and fall short of the requirements to merit protection by a Tree Preservation Order. The conifer is a small tree and the impact of its removal on the surrounding area will be negligible.

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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