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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/00354/TCA	Sycamore - Up to a 4m reduction to limb	17 Westholm Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 4JB

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 Site History

13/00390/1TCA

3.0 Representations

None received.

4.0 Planning Considerations

4.1 Site and Surroundings

Sycamore (applicant's plan) subject of this application is located in the rear garden of the property on the North boundary. The tree is not visible to the public realm and is visible to surrounding properties. The site is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 Proposal

Sycamore - Up to a 4m reduction to limb

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 not highly visible to the public realm.

4.3.2 The Sycamore limb grows to the west side of the tree towards the neighbouring garden. The stem had noticeable movement which appeared increased when compared to the rest of the tree and surrounding trees. Excessive movement can put increased pressure on lower areas of the stem where the effect of leverage forces is most concentrated. A reduction by up to 4m will reduce the excessive movement in this stem and the impact of this work on the surroundings is likely to 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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