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**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

26/02051/TCA

2x Fir - Reduce in height by 3m
removing the over hanging branches.

25a Deards End Lane
Knebworth
Hertfordshire
SG3 6NL

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Relevant Site History**

2.1 10/00945/1TCA: Remove 2 Conifer trees. 03.06.2010 – **No objection**

2.2 14/00495/1TCA: Removal of 1 Conifer Tree. 11.03.2014 – **No objection**

2.3 15/00596/1TCA: Reduce height of Leylandii tree by 30%. 06.03.2015 – **No objection**

2.4 15/00818/1TCA: Removal of 1 Conifer Tree. 15.04.2015 – **No objection**

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 N/A

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The Fir trees are located in the front garden of the site and set back from the road, their height allows them to be visible to Deards End Lane which is with the Deard End Lane Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:

2x Fir - Reduce in height by 3m removing the overhanging branches.

4.3 **Key Issues**

4.3.1 The key issues in determining this application are the amenity value of the trees; the impact of the proposed work on the character and appearance of the Conservation Area; any justification for the proposed work and; whether, taking full account of the above, it would be expedient and in the public interest to make a Tree Preservation Order.

4.3.2 The trees are identified on the submitted location plan.

4.3.3 The proposal enables works to be undertaken to the trees, which if undertaken sensitively, are considered reasonable. The work is planned for the main bulk of the tree and whilst there will be short term impact if managed well would help their longer-term management and retain the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.

4.3.4 There is potential threat to the trees if the work undertaken is too severe, however at this point I do not consider a Tree Preservation Order to be appropriate.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 If the proposed works are carried out sensitively it would not result in the loss of the trees. It is therefore considered that the works would not result in any unacceptable harm to the amenity value of the trees, nor to the character and appearance of the Deards End Lane Conservation Area that would outweigh the justification for the works.

5.0 **Recommendation**

5.1 **NO OBJECTION** to the proposed work.

Signed  Ben Glover	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 10 September 2026	