

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
24/02144/TCA	T1: Horse Chestnut - Crown reduce by 2m. 3m reduction on Southern side. T2: Sycamore - Crown lift by 2m and reduce lower canopy by 2m. T3: Lime - Repollard and reshape canopy structure. No growth to be left on and reshape unbalanced knuckles. T4: Group Plum - Reduce in height by 2m to suitable growth points.	The Old Rectory Hodwell Ashwell Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5QQ

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan Photo

1.0 Policies

2.0 Site History

- 2.1 23/02785/TCA - T2. Lime - Reduce up to 4m shape and balance cutting to viable growth and remove deadwood. T3. Beech - Reduce up to 4m shape and balance cutting to viable growth. T4. Lime - Re-pollard back to historical points. T5. Prunus – Fell
- 2.2 20/01279/TCA - T1 Sycamore - Crown lift to approx 2.5m. Reduce larger limbs back by 2-3m. T2 Fir - Fell to ground level. T3 Cedar - Reduce to improve appearance. T4 Lime - Crown lift to 3m.

3.0 Representations

- 3.1 **Ashwell Parish Council** – None received.

4.0 Planning Considerations

4.1 Site and Surroundings

- 4.1.1 The site is a detached two storey, grade II listed building on the north side of the Hodwell within a residential part of Ashwell. The site is located within the Ashwell Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

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4.3 **Key Issues**

- 4.3.1 The key issue for consideration is the impact that the proposed works would have on the character and appearance of the Ashwell Conservation Area.

- 1.0 T1 – T3 are located in the front garden and are highly visible from the public realm, T4 is located in the rear garden with no visibility from the public realm.
2.0 T1 – T3 are large mature specimen that have valuable contributions to the Conservation Area. T4 is a group of plum trees and are moderate in size.
3.0 The proposed works to the trees are remedial and would not result in their loss. The proposed scale of works is acceptable in maintaining its health and bringing the trees into a suitable level of amenity.

4.4 **Conclusion**

The proposed works would not result in any unacceptable adverse impact upon the character and appearance of the Ashwell 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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