

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/00754/TCA	T1: Prunus - Prune growth back to original. T2: Gingko - Fell. T3: Apple - Remove bough overhanging neighbours garden.	40 High Street Ashwell Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 5NW

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

20/00369/TCA - T1, T2 Prunus - Crown reduce to previous points and shape to balance. T3 Holly - Reduce height by 2-3m. T4 Apple - Crown clean and reduce height by up to 1m - No objection

23/00131/TCA - T1 Cherry, T2 Prunus - Crown reduce to previous points to leave viable growth where possible, approx 1m reduction. - No objection

24/02895/TCA - T1: Ginkgo Biloba- Crown Reduce by 1m. T2: Wild Cherry - Crown Reduce by 1.5m. T3: Holly - Reduce in height be 4m. - No objection

26/00045/TCA - 1: Lilac - Coppice at the height of the wall. T2: Plum - Pollard at a 4m to a framework and remove the stem at the back, pushing on the fence. T3: Lilac - Remove the stems of the plum growing from the root system growing in front of the Lilac. Cut back or remove the branches growing into the fence to give up to 30 cm clearance. T4: Self Set Plum - Cut to ground level and eco plug. T5. Holly - Hedge cut all around and being heavier at the top to round off and start to train into a dome/ball. Prune back the branches from the adjacent Apple to give clearance if required. - No objection

3.0 **Representations**

None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

T1: Prunus, T2: Ginkgo, T3: Apple (applicant's plan) subject of this application are located in the rear garden of the property. The trees are not visible to the public realm. The site is within the Ashwell Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

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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 T1-T3 are small trees that cannot be seen beyond the rear garden except from a few neighbouring properties. Their contribution to the amenity of the surrounding area is therefore limited and the effect of the proposed works on Ashwell village 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 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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