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CASE OFFICER: ...Francis Mabbett.....

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/00762/TCA	Sycamore - Re-Pollard up to 2.5m	62 Shott Lane Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 1SE

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

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

4.2 Proposal

Sycamore - Re-Pollard up to 2.5m

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 applicants photos provided with application shows a Sycamore that has previously been pollarded with approx. 2.5m regrowth present, indicating good vigour. The proposed works will have short-term negative impact on the amenity of this tree, but cyclical pollarding, minimises the size of dysfunctional wood resulting from pruning operations and is in-line with the previous management of this tree. The tree's limited public visibility means the impact of the works on the surroundings will be minimal.
- 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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