

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/00822/TCA	T1,T2: Ash - Up to a 2.5m reduction. T3: Ash - Up to a 1.5m reduction. T4: Plum - Up to a 1.5m reduction. T5: Purple Plum - Up to a 1m reduction. T6: Willow - Up to a 1m reduction. T7: Purple Plum - Up to a 2m reduction. T8: Cypress - Up to a 3m reduction. T9: Hawthorn - Up to a 2m reduction. T10: Hawthorn - Up to a 4m reduction. T11: Ash - Up to a 2m reduction. G1: 8x Hawthorn - Up to a 3m reduction. G2: Beech Hedge - Up to a 2m reduction.	Walnut Tree Cottage Payne End Sandon Buntingford Hertfordshire SG9 0QU

Submitted Plan Nos

2.0 **Site History**

98/00360/1TCA Removal of 10 Leylandii trees No objection

3.0 **Representations**

None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

T1, T2 and T11 3x Ash (applicant's plan) are located on the South boundary at the front of the site with the remainder located on the North, East and West boundaries of the rear garden. The trees are partly visible to the public realm. The site is within the Sandon 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 partly visible to the public realm.

4.3.2 All trees are small in stature and of no great significance in terms of amenity contribution to the character of the surrounding area. The works are mainly to prune existing trees or hedging to bring it back in accord with previous pruning works as part of ongoing maintenance and should not be detrimental to the health of the trees.

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 Sandon 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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