

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

CASE OFFICER: ...Henry Thomas.....

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
24/02168/TCA	T1, T2, T3, T4: Cherry - Reduce by 2m. T5: 2 x Ash - Fell to ground level. T6, T8: Ash - Fell to ground level. T7: 3x Ash - Fell to ground level. T9: Walnut - Reduce by 3m	The Cottage Smiths End Lane Barley Hertfordshire SG8 8LH

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

2.1 None relevant.

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 None.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The site is a Grade II listed, semi-detached cottage dwelling on the west side of Smiths End Lane within a residential part of Barley. The site is located within the Barley 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 Barley Conservation Area.

- ☐ T1 – T6 are located in the front garden and are highly visible from the public realm. T7-T9 are located in the rear garden with no visibility from the public realm.
- ☐ The works to T1-T4 and T9 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.
- ☐ The proposed works to T7 and T8 would result in the loss of the trees. In my view, due to their position in the rear garden and due to their limited size, they make a minor contribution to the Conservation Area. Due to the number of trees present on the site, the loss of these trees would not have a significant impact on the conservation area.
- ☐ The loss of T5-T6 would be toward the front of the property and would be highly visible from the street scene, as a result their loss would have some impact on the conservation area. In my view, due to their size and crown form, the trees are not of significant value to warrant the further protection afforded by a Tree Preservation Order. I therefore have no objection to their removal.

4.4 **Conclusion**

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