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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
18/00872/TCA	T1 Norway Spruce - Fell. T2 Eucalyptus - Prune back by 2%	1 Hill View Treacle Lane Rushden Buntingford Hertfordshire SG9 0SJ

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

None

3.0 **Representations**

None

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

Residential property in the Rushden Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

The notification requests the following:-
Norway Spruce (T1) - fell because roots are damaging driveway and path. Replant with pear tree and apple trees within garden boundary.
Eucalyptus (T2) - Prune back side branches that are growing towards road and thatched cottage opposite.

4.3 **Key Issues**

If the work is considered inappropriate are the trees worthy of the further protection afforded by a TPO.
Assessment – the Spruce is large and to the side of the property where it makes a contribution to the visual amenity of the area. However it is causing damage and is of such significant public amenity value or such a fine specimen as to warrant the making of a specific TPO. With regard to the Eucalyptus this is to the front garden and requires minor remedial works to which no objections are raised.

4.4 **Conclusion**

In this instance no objections raised as the trees are not worthy of further protection in my view.

5.0 **Recommendation**

5.1 No objection.

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