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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
18/00497/TCA	Lime (T120) - Fell	St Christopher School Barrington Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3JZ

Submitted Plan Nos
Location plan

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

2.1 Various notifications for works to trees within the School grounds.

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 None

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 Part of the extensive St Christopher School site within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Removal of one Lime tree - the application states the following:-

Fell because of excessive rot in the base of the tree, seemingly extending into the roots. Due to the location (centre of busy school site with a lot of student traffic) and size of the tree (23m tall), felling for safety reasons. Replant with one standard tree on school site.

4.3 **Key Issues**

4.3.1 If the work is considered inappropriate is the tree worthy of the further protection afforded by a TPO.

4.3.2 Assessment – the tree is in a poor condition and is located centrally within the school grounds. It is not of such significant public amenity value, in good health or such a fine specimen as to warrant the making of a specific TPO.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 In this instance no objections raised as the tree is not worthy of further protection in my view.

5.0 **Recommendation**

5.1 No objection.

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