

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/01895/TCA	T001: Indian Bean - Crown lift to a minimum of 2.4m over Footpath. T004: Apple - Crown lift to a minimum of 2.4m over Footpath. T005: Prunus - Crown lift to a minimum of 2.4m over Footpath.. T006: Birch - Crown Lift to 4m all around. T009: Birch - Crown lift to a minimum of 2.4m over Footpath and 4m over parking spaces. T011: Prunus - Crown lift to a minimum of 2.4m over Footpath. T012: Prunus - Crown lift to a minimum of 2.4m over Footpath, Deadwood	Land Opposite 14-26 Birds Hill Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire

Submitted Plan Nos

2.0 **Site History**

16/01179/1TCA - Remove one Acacia tree- No objection

26/01263/TCA - T1: Cherry - Reduce by 2-3m. Cut back to behind kerb from car parking spaces
– No objection

3.0 **Representations**

None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site**

T001: Indian Bean, T004: Apple, T005: Prunus, T006: Birch (applicant's plan) are located at the East end of the site on the grassed area to the front of houses 32- 40, while, T009: Birch, T011: Prunus and T012: Prunus (applicant's plan) are located at the west end of the site to the front of properties 16-22. The trees are visible to the public realm. The site is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

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T005: Prunus - Crown lift to a minimum of 2.4m over Footpath. T006: Birch - Crown Lift to 4m all around. T009: Birch - Crown lift to a minimum of 2.4m over Footpath and 4m over parking spaces. T011: Prunus - Crown lift to a minimum of 2.4m over Footpath.

T012: Prunus - Crown lift to a minimum of 2.4m over Footpath, Deadwood

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 visible to the public realm.

4.3.2 The works to all the trees are in the form, of a crown lift. This is in accord with normal arboricultural practice to allow for access beneath tree canopies and prevent branches from

obstructing footpaths and roadways. The works are unlikely to be detrimental to the health of the trees or have any significant impact on the amenity of the surroundings.

4.4 Conclusion

- 4.4.1 The proposed works would not result in any 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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