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CASE OFFICER: …Jo Cousins……

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
18/00842/TCA	Various works including reduction and removal.	39 Broadwater Avenue Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3HG

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

NONE None Relevant

2.0 **Site History**

Various notifications for works to trees.

3.0 **Representations**

Heritage Foundation confirm that they have considered the works and given approval subject to replanting in February this year.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

Residential property in the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

Notification is for the following works:-
T1- silver birch, remove to ground, top of crown has a lot of die back visible rot in crown.
T2- Corsican pine, remove to ground level, tree ring on boundary and all tree weight over road, with is very concerning owner. Tree Replacement will be done.
T3- walnut, remove to ground level, Bifurcation at 1m cavities and old wounds with are very rotten. Tree sounds very hollow. A lot of the crown hanging over carriage way. Significant dead

wood in crown.
T4- lime, reduce to previous points for routine maintenance.
T5- Norway maple, remove to ground level to stop atlas cedar being suppressed on one side.
T6- atlas cedar crown lift to up a maximum of 4m and reduce laterals in balance crow where cedar has been suppressed by maple.
T7- hawthorn remove to ground level as a majority of the crown is hanging over fence.
T8- cypress remove to ground level, crown with a lot of die back and being suppressed by sycamore and deodar cedar.
T9- deodar cedar, crown lift to a maximum of 4 meters and deadwood.

4.3 **Key Issues**

If the work is considered inappropriate is the tree worthy of the further protection afforded by a TPO.
Assessment – the trees are in a garden setting some of which are visually prominent within the Conservation Area and collectively add to the pleasant environment of this residential area. Having assessed the trees I have some concerns at the loss of the more significant trees but having spoken with the Heritage Foundation who are requesting replanting and in the light of the safety aspect and health of the trees I do not consider that they would be worthy of TPO protection or stand up to a challenge on appeal here.

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

5.0 **<u>Recommendation</u>**

5.1 No objection.

Signed Simon Ellis Determining Officer	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
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