

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/01149/TCA	T1: Prunes - Reduce to hedge height. T2. Scots Pine - Fell to ground level. T3: Plum - Fell to ground level. T5: Plum - Reduce to the same height as Portuguese laurel, creating a mixed hedge.	6 Sollershott East Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3PL

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 Site History

Various tree works applications at the site, the most recent:

21/02667/TCA - T1 Scots Pine - Fell. G1 Group of mixed species - Crown clean remove major deadwood remove ivy from Sorbus. G2 Group of mixed species - Reduce overhang away from boundary. T2 Scots Pine - Crown clean removing major deadwood only– No objection

21/02817/TCA- T1: Bay - Reduce the height by 2-3m and shape. T2: Pine - Fell as low as possible. T3, T4: Pine - Fell, leaving a 2m high stump. – No objection

25/02728/TCA - T5: Plum - Remove deadwood. T6: Plum - Reduce the limbs growing over into the neighbour's back by 2-3m, cutting to viable growth to relieve weight. H1: Mixed Hedge - Reduce the height down making it as level as possible. H2: Mixed Hedge - Reduce the height of the hedge to the old points. – No objection

3.0 **Representations**

None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site**

T1 *Prunus* (applicant's plan) is located on the East boundary at the front of the property while T5 (T4 applicant's plan) is on the West boundary. T2 Scots Pine and T3 Plum (applicant's plan) are located on the north boundary of the rear garden. The trees are not highly visible to the public realm, but are visible to neighbouring properties. The site is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

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T5: Plum - Reduce to the same height as Portuguese laurel, creating a mixed hedge.

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 partly visible to the public realm.

4.3.2 T1 and T5 the two *Prunus* trees at the front of the property are small trees within the hedge line with minimal amenity value and a reduction to bring these trees down in-line with the hedge is unlikely to have any major impact on the amenity of the surroundings. T2 Scots Pine is a tall semi-mature tree with a small sparse crown that is showing signs of needle necrosis and extensive dieback and is likely to continue decline. Removal is appropriate action along with the adjacent plum that contributes very little amenity to the surrounding area.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 The proposed works would not result in any unacceptable 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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