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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/02165/TCA	T1: Apple - Reduce regrowth back by 0.5m height and width, thin outer canopy by 20% volume. T2: Apple - Reduce regrowth back by 0.5m height and width, thin outer canopy by 20% volume. Lift lower branches to around 1m above ground level (removing secondary branches only). T3: Quince - Reduce regrowth back by 1m height and width, thin outer canopy by 20% volume.	50 Meadow Way Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 3HX

Submitted Plan Nos

2.0 **Site History**

None relevant

3.0 **Representations**

None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site**

T1 and T2 2x Apple (applicant's plan) are located on the east boundary of the rear garden while T3 Quince (applicant's plan) is located close to the south boundary of the rear garden. The trees are not visible to general public, but are visible to neighbouring properties. The site is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

T1: Apple - Reduce regrowth back by 0.5m height and width, thin outer canopy by 20% volume. T2: Apple - Reduce regrowth back by 0.5m height and width, thin outer canopy by 20% volume. Lift lower branches to around 1m above ground level (removing secondary branches only). T3: Quince - Reduce regrowth back by 1m height and width, thin outer canopy by 20% volume.

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 not visible to the public realm.

4.3.2 The photos provided by the applicant shows the trees are small, young fruit trees that have been kept regularly pruned to restrict their size. Further pruning as proposed is appropriate management for these trees in the production of fruit and good husbandry. The impacts of the works on the surroundings will be negligible.

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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