

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

26/02184/TCA

T032: Lime - Fell to ground level

St Francis College

Broadway

Letchworth Garden City

Hertfordshire

SG6 3PJ

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

Various tree works applications at the site the most recent:

21/00004/TCA - Various works including removal (as per survey report) – No objection

21/00895/TCA- T043: Cherry Plum - Crown reduction by up to 1.4m back. T037: Robinia - Crown reduction to the south limb by up to 30% back to good viable growth points. T042: Lime - Reduction to the east limb by up to 40%. T047 Tag 890: Plum - Reduction back to historic points at 2.5 m. – No objection

22/02446/TCA - Various tree works including removal as per survey -No objection

26/01631/TCA - T017: Apple, T018, T019: Hornbeam - Sever Ivy at the base. T020: Hornbeam Hedge - Sever ivy at the base where possible.

T021(TAG 866), T023, T024, T025, T026.: Limes - Fell to ground level. T35: Mixed Group - Lime, Sycamore, Purple Plum, and Conifer - Sever Ivy at ground level. T36: Robinia - Sever Ivy at the base. T42: Lime - Remove significant deadwood.

T44: Plum - Fell, leaving a 1 metre high stump to keep the hedge intact, not leaving a hole. - No objection

3.0 **Representations**

None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site**

T032: Lime (applicant's plan) is located to the north of the western site entrance from Spring Road. The tree is partly visible to general public. The site is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

T032: Lime - Fell to ground level

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 is partly visible to the public realm.

4.3.2 The photos provided by the agent clearly shows T032: Lime is a small pollard with an outward appearance of being in a moribund state, if not completely dead. The tree is now at a high risk of collapse and should be removed at the earliest convenience. Dead

trees are an exception to a 'section 211 notice' but 5 working days prior written notice must be given to the authority before cutting down or carrying out other work on a dead tree.

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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