

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

25/02109/TCA

Beech hedge - Crown reduce into by
1.5-2m back to old pruning points.

41 Stockens Green
Knebworth
Hertfordshire
SG3 6DQ

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

2.1 97/00077/1TCA - Lopping of Beech trees

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 None.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The site is a detached dwelling on the south side of Stockens Green within the Knebworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 T1: Yew - Reduce in height to match yew hedge.

4.3 **Key Issues**

4.3.1 The key issue for consideration is the impact that the proposed works would have on the character and appearance of the Knebworth Conservation Area.

- The hedge is located in the rear garden and is not visible from the public realm.
- The proposed works are remedial and would not harm the significance or the health of the hedgerow. The proposed scale of the works would be appropriate in maintaining the hedgerow.

4.4 **Conclusion**

The proposed works would not result in any unacceptable adverse impact upon the character and appearance of the Knebworth 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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