Additional Commentary Sheet ~
Letchworth Free Church Application for Conifer Trees, Permission to fell.

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The problem linked to these conifer trees has been long standing ~ and the larger the trees have become, the more extensive the blockages in the two drain runs, and the more damage to the pipework underground.

* I have only submitted the latest excavation and repair work carried out by Draincall ~ but this kind of remedial work has certainly been going on for well over 5 years as the trees + roots have grown, and caused problems.

Putting guards over the exterior ceramic gulleys at the back of the church and keeping the path swept has been of minimal help to prevent the debris from the conifers from clogging the drains. The main damage is caused by root ingress into the pipework. Hence our only course of action is to fell the trees.

○ Tom Donovan LP Officer, advised us to contact Heritage Foundation to ascertain whether they had any formal processes to be followed, re our conifers. After a phone call to HF, I was advised to contact Rapleys, who handle Environmental issues for them.

My contact is Charlotte (at Rapleys). The thrust of my concerns in my e/m's to her, centres on the fact that the Free Church Building is Grade 2 listed

As the first Church in the first Garden City of the World, it makes our building all the more precious, and we have a great responsibility to safeguard the fabric and integrity of our heritage.

At the time of submitting our application to NHDC I have not had a reply from Rapleys, but do know that my e/m's have been forwarded to a consultant.

We do not intend to replant in the positions of tree A + B — but plan to plant a new area on the grass at back of church. New small shrubs to include aucuba, viburnum & photinia.

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