

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/01635/TCA	T1: Mixed hedge row- Reduce down to 6ft in height. T2: Sycamore - Reduce down into hedge row at the front.	92 Glebe Road Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 1DU

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 **Site History**

None

3.0 **Representations**

None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site**

T1 mixed hedge (applicant's plan) is located along the South and West aspects of the front garden, while T2 Sycamore (applicant's plan) is located also on the South boundary towards the East corner of the front garden. The tree is visible to the public realm. The site is within the Letchworth Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

T1: Mixed hedgerow- Reduce down to 6ft in height. T2: Sycamore - Reduce down into hedge row at the front.

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 tree is visible to the public realm.

4.3.2 The hedge is exempt from a 'section 211 notice' as Government Guidance states: "*Authorities may only use an Order to protect anything that may ordinarily be termed a tree. This would not normally include shrubs, but could include, for example, trees in a hedge or an old hedge which has become a line of trees of a reasonable height*" and therefore the work to this can be completed without further reference to the council.

4.3.3 T2 Sycamore is a small tree located within the hedgerow. The tree is likely to increase in size significantly and outgrow its context quickly, while also having adverse effect on the living conditions of residents. Its removal will have a moderate impact on the amenity of the area as it is visible to the public realm, but its long-term retention is not viable with its close proximity to buildings.

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**

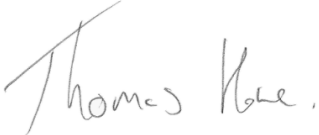
4.5.1 None applicable

4.6 **Pre-Commencement Conditions**

4.6.1 None applicable

5.0 **Recommendation**

5.1 No objection.

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