

328 Norton Way South

Removal of Rear Hedge

January 2025

Introduction

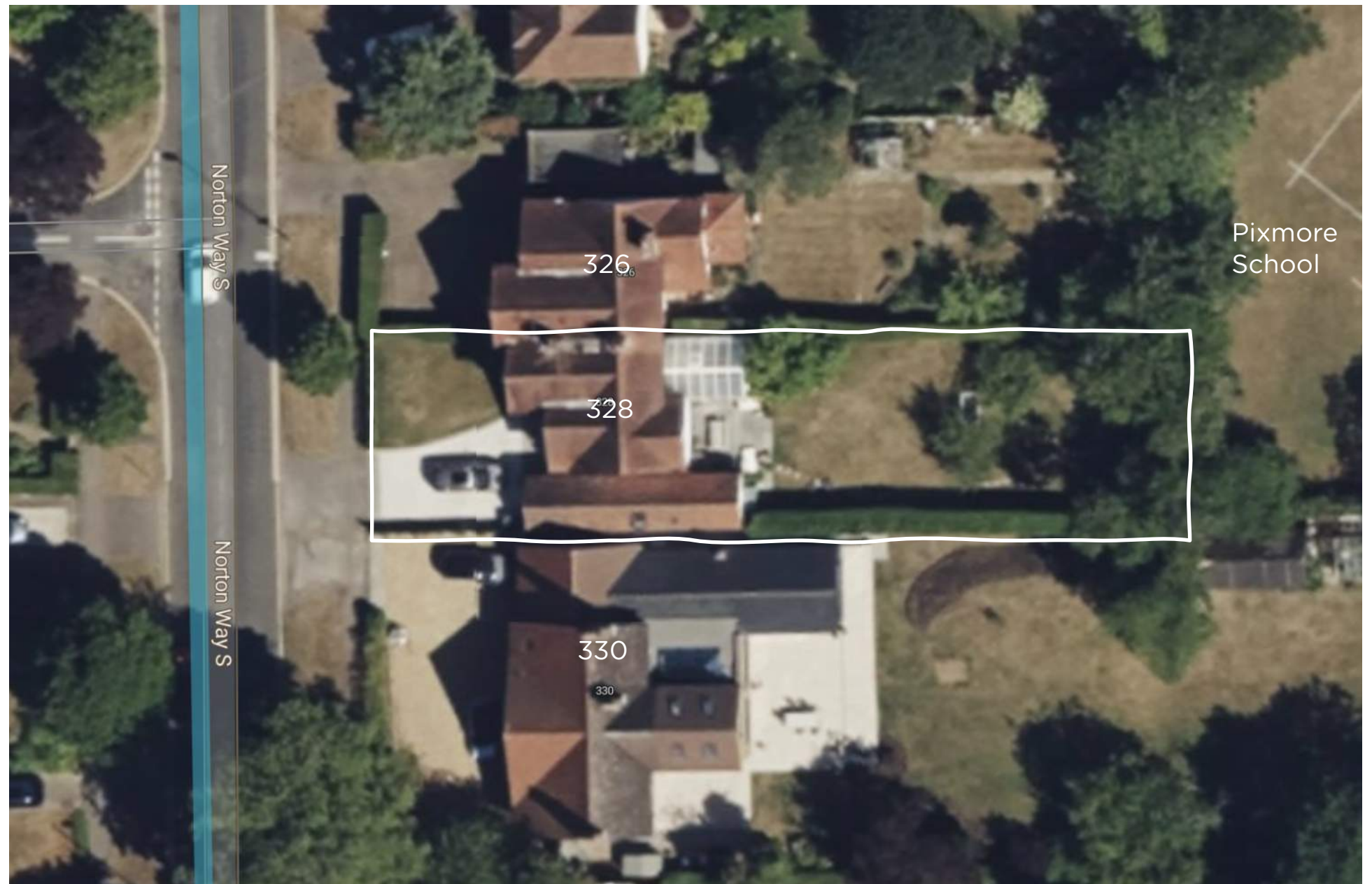
This Design Statement has been prepared to support the application for the removal of an existing conifer hedge in the rear garden of 328 Norton Way South.

For reference, an application for this work, along with the provision of a new shed (requiring permission from Letchworth Garden City Heritage Foundation (LGCHF) but not North Herts District Council (NHDC) has been separately made to LGCHF.

Relevant Recent Applications

Recent applications for works at the property have been submitted in recent years. Of relevance to this application is:

- Application 22/01545/TCA for the removal of the hedge on the south boundary (adjacent to 330 Norton Way South). This work was undertaken in September 2022.
- Application 24/00076/TCA to reduce the height of the cherry plum tree in the south-east corner of the garden by approximately 50%. This work was undertaken in March 2024.



Context

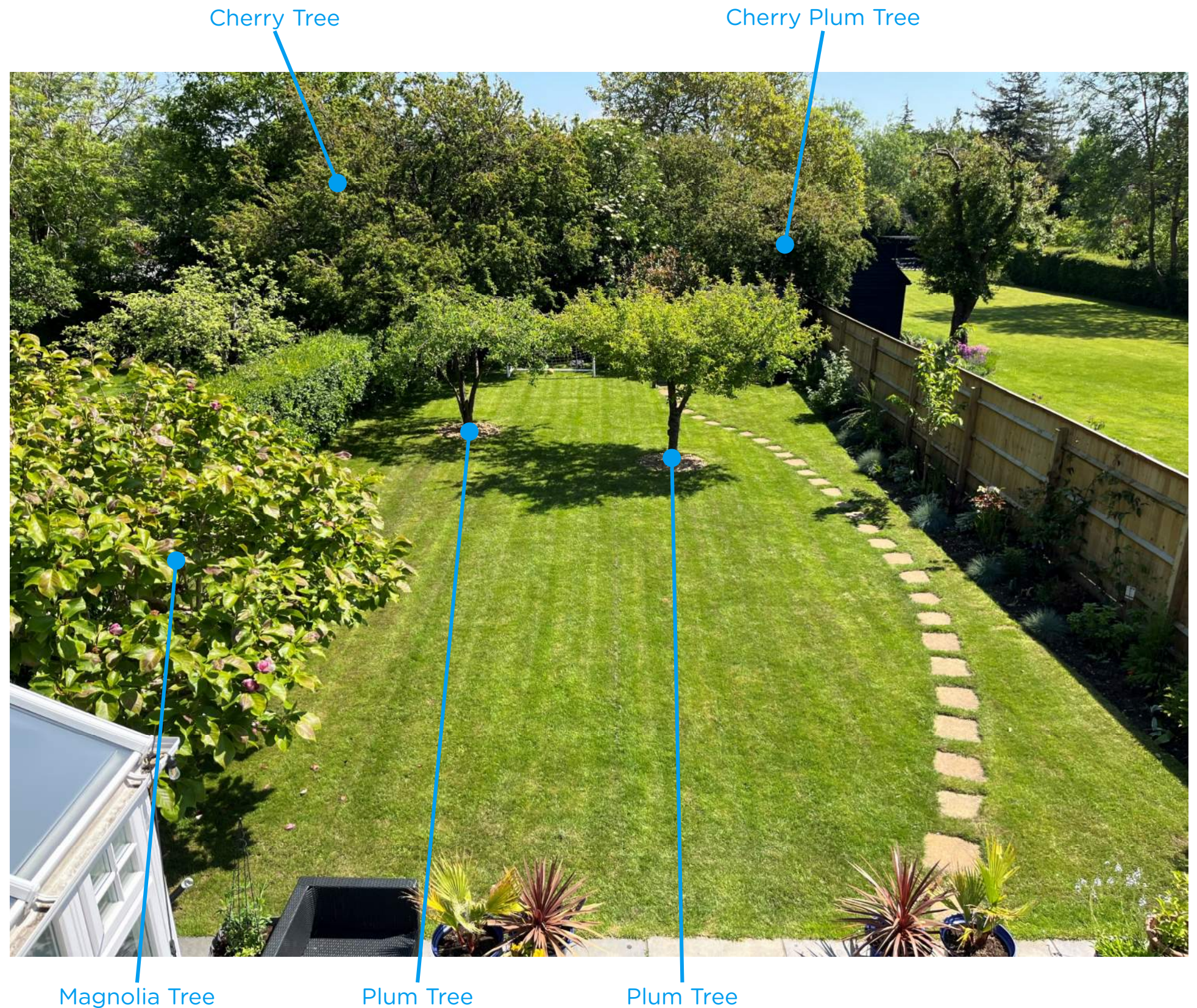
The rear garden of the property measures 30m (98 feet) in length from the rear of the original house (26.5m from the rear of the conservatory) and around 12 to 12.5m (~40 feet) in width.

The garden is mainly laid to lawn, with a privet hedge forming the north boundary to 326 Norton Way South and a wooden fence with an increasingly well stocked border in front forming the boundary on the south side to 330 North Way South.

A mature cherry tree marks the north-east corner of the garden and a cherry plum the south-east corner. An apple and plum tree are planted in the lawn and a mature magnolia tree sits next to the conservatory.

The rear boundary is marked by a chain link fence between the house and Pixmore School behind.

In front of the fence is a conifer hedge which is showing signs of disease and is the subject of this conversation. For information, the school has placed a second metal fence behind the boundary fence to enclose the playing fields (therefore creating a 'no man's land' of around 0.4m to 0.5m between the two).



Proposed Work – Conifer Hedge Removal

The existing conifer hedge at the back of the garden will be removed:

- Some of the existing hedge plants are showing signs of disease and the hedge is unsightly and difficult to maintain.
- Removing the hedge will also allow a new shed to be located as far back as possible in the garden (while maintaining suitable access provision of at least 0.6m to the rear).

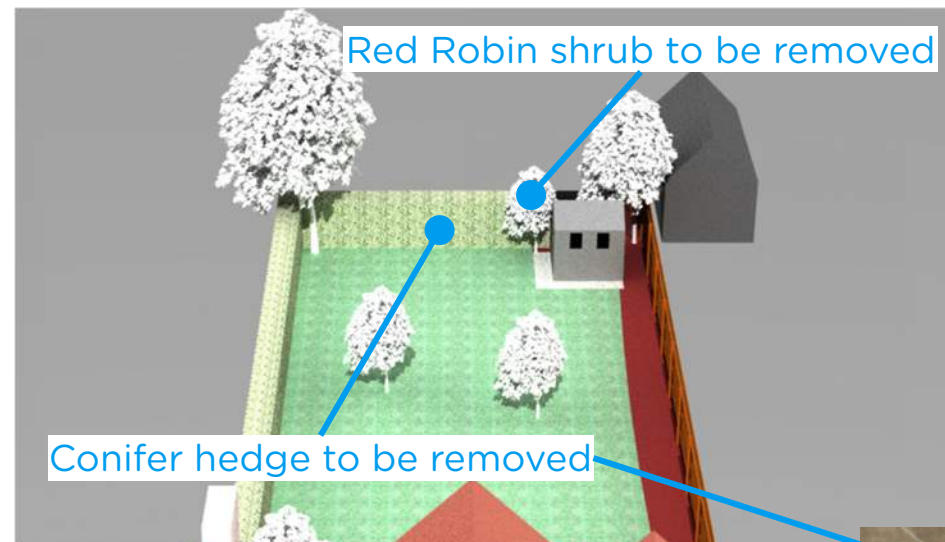
The overgrown Red Robin shrub next to the shed will also be removed. The location of these is shown on the CGI below and photographs to the right.

Conifer hedge to be removed

Red Robin shrub to be removed



Images showing the conifer hedge and Red Robin shrub to be removed, with the image on the right showing dead planting within the hedge.



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