

Officer Report

Application No.	24/0250/FH/TCA
Site Address	Lympne Hall, The Street, Lympne, CT21 4LQ
Officer Name	Lizzy Nash
Proposal	Works to trees in a conservation area comprising of T1 Cherry south facing limb remove back to to main trunk, T2 Chery Fell, T3 Yew crown reduction by 1 metre in height & lateral limbs, T4 Silver Birch crown reduction by 2 metres in height & 1.5 metres laterally, T5 and T6 Bay reduce height by 2.5 metres and trim sides.

Recommendation

Report Number	RD-434130
Recommended Decision	Recommended to be No Objections
Recommendation Date	26 March 2024

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Site Visit 26/03/2024

Lympne Hall is a grade II listed two storey red brick dwelling dating to the 16th Century it has a hipped roof with a detached garage located to the rear. There is a small front curtilage surrounded by a low brick wall and a larger rear garden which includes several trees. The site sits within Lympne Conservation Area.

The application proposes works to a total of 6 trees. T1 and T2 are Cherry trees located along the northern boundary of the site within a conifer hedge. The proposed works would be to remove the southern limb of T1 and to fell T2. While T2 is proposed to be felled, this tree is widely visible within the street scene, however it forms a group with several other large trees and its loss would not significantly impact the character of the area. T3 is a 5-8m tall Yew tree located to the east of the detached garage and the proposal seeks a crown reduction of 1m to the height and width of the tree, given its close proximity to the garage this is considered appropriate to maintain the tree.

Moving on to T4 a large mature silver birch between 15-18 meters in height. This is the largest of the trees within the rear curtilage and it is visible above the dwelling when viewing the site from the street. The proposed works of a crown reduction of 2m given the size and location of the tree are appropriate and would not significantly alter the appearance of the tree. T5 and T6 are two large bay trees located along the southern boundary of the site, given the size of the trees being between 10-12 meters would be appropriate.

Considering the above the proposed works are considered to be acceptable and would not result in harm to the overall contributions that the site makes to the surrounding conservation area. The proposed works are therefore considered acceptable.

Suggested Informatives (3)

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All works hereby permitted shall be carried out in accordance with the provisions of the current edition of BS 3998 by a competent person.

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Works to trees could result in disturbance to wild animals, plants and important wildlife sites protected by law. It is the applicant's responsibility to ensure that appropriate precautions are taken to ensure that an offence is not committed. Further advice can be sought from Natural England and/or Kent Wildlife Trust.

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The material generated from the tree work hereby permitted should be disposed of, or processed as necessary, to leave the site in a safe and tidy condition following each phase/completion of the work.