

Officer Report

Application No.	24/0271/FH/TCA
Site Address	North Street House, North Street, New Romney, TN28 8DW
Officer Name	Lizzy Nash
Proposal	Works to trees situated within a Conservation area comprising of overall reduction to T1 Tulip by up to 4 metres, T2 Olive by up to 2 metres, T3 Ornamental Cherry by up to 2 metres, T4 Laburnum by up to 2 metres & T5 Lilac by up to 2 metres

Recommendation

Report Number	RD-434226
Recommended Decision	Recommended to be No Objections
Recommendation Date	09 April 2024

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Site Visit: 09/04/2024

North Street House is a two storey brick built dwelling occupying the corner where North Road and Ashford Road meet. The dwellings curtilage is surrounding by a large brick and stone wall. Those along Ashford Road appear to be part of the Grade II* ruins of St Johns Priory. The site sits within New Romney High Street Conservation Area.

The application concerns 5 trees all within the walled garden rear garden of the proposal site. T1 a Tulip Tree is located in the south-west corner of the site and stands at approximately 12-14 meters in height. T2 is a Olive tree and is located along adjacent to the dwelling along the boundary shared with Ashford Road. These are the most visible of the trees within the proposal with the canopy of the Tulip Tree partially visible above the walls and a small amount of the Olive. The other three trees are a Ornamental Cherry (T3), Laburnum tree (T4) and a Lilac Tree (T5) these trees form a group and are not visible from outside of the site.

The proposal seeks to reduce height of trees T3-T5 by a maximum of 2m considering their approximate height between 5-8 meters this is considered to be appropriate and would have not impact on the appearance of the conservation area. T1 is proposed to be reduced in height by approximately 4m to reduce shading to the rear curtilage and the dwelling. Given the size and location of the tree to the rear of the site behind other trees while this would be a significant reduction it is not considered to result in harm to the trees contribution to the appearance of the conservation area. Finally the proposed reduction to T2 of 2m is considered to be acceptable to prevent the tree from becoming a nuisance to the dwelling and listed walls.

In light of the above the proposed works are considered acceptable and would not harm the overall contribution that the site makes to the surrounding conservation area.

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 works.