

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

CASE OFFICER: ...Vicki Wood.....

**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

25/02469/TCA

Silver Maple - Repollard, back to
previous growth points

Land Adjacent To Harvest Court
Wymondley Road
Willian
Hertfordshire
SG6 2AE

Submitted Plan Nos

Tree report

1.0 Policies

1.0 **Planning Practice Guidance**

- 1.1 Tree Preservation Orders and Trees in Conservation Areas 2014
- 1.2 Hertfordshire County Council Tree and Woodland Strategy 2022–2030
- 1.3 North Hertfordshire Council Tree Strategy 2017

2.0 **Relevant Site History**

- 2.1 21/03367/TCA - T1 Horse chestnut - Reduce to 2m. T2 Horse chestnut - Pollard to 6m. T4 Scots pine - Reduce to approx 6m. T6 Ash - Reduce specific limbs to just below fungal fruiting. T7 Silver maple - Remove major deadwood (over 50mm diameter). T8 Holm oak - Reduce height only by 4-5m, prune to balance crown where appropriate. T9 Holm oak - Reduce crown by 1m. No objection.

3.0 **Representations**

- 3.1 N/A

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

- 4.1.1 The site lies to the southeast of the junction with Wymondley Road and Willian Road and is within the Willian Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

- 4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:
 - Silver Maple – Re-pollard, back to previous growth points.

4.3 **Key Issues**

- 4.3.1 The key issues in determining this application is the amenity value of the tree; the impact of the proposed work on the character and appearance of the Conservation Area; any justification for the proposed work and; whether, taking full account of the above, it would be expedient and in the public interest to make a Tree Preservation Order.
- 4.3.2 A Tree Report dated 15/09/2025 including a site location plan has been provided in support of the application. The report recommends that the tree be pollarded back to previous points and therefore the works are considered to be remedial.
- 4.3.3 There would appear not to be any immediate threat to tree and therefore there is no evidence to suggest further protection is needed by way of a Tree Preservation Order.

4.4 **Conclusion**

- 4.4.1 The proposed works would not result in harm to the amenity value of the tree. As such, I am satisfied that the work would not cause such harm to the character and appearance of the Willian Conservation Area as to overcome the justification for the work.

5.0 **Recommendation**

- 5.1 **NO OBJECTION** to the proposed work.

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Determining Officer Date: 30 September 2025	