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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/00370/TCA	T137, T142, T149: Goat Willow - Pollard at 2m.	Tesco Extra Superstore 58 High Street Baldock Hertfordshire SG7 6BN

Submitted Plan Nos

1.0 Policies

2.0 Site History

Various tree works applications at the site.

3.0 Representations

None received.

4.0 Planning Considerations

4.1 Site and Surroundings

T137, T142, T149: 3x Goat Willow (applicant's plan) subject of this application are located in the green area of vegetation to the North of the car park. The trees are visible to the public realm. The site is within the Baldock Conservation Area.

4.2 Proposal

T137, T142, T149: 3x Goat Willow - Pollard at 2m.

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 trees are visible to the public realm.

4.3.2 The 3x Goat Willow as detailed in tree survey are either dead or in a condition where full or partial collapse is foreseeable. T137 has partially failed and resting in an adjacent Beech tree, T142 is ivy covered with die back and T149 has a failed limb. All trees contribute minimal amenity to the site in their current condition and warrant the works proposed. A pollard at 2m mitigates the risk of further collapse, while at the same time retaining the trees and giving them the opportunity to recover as pollards, which Willow will often readily do.

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 Baldock 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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