

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/00274/TCA	T1: Crack Willow - Bring to the ground and stack in a habitat pile/s off the grass. T2: Crack Willow - Create a monolith, cut trunk at the first branch. T3: Crack Willow - Bring to the ground and cut stems coming off the top. T4: Crack Willow - Re-pollard. T5: 3x Crack Willow - Cut to a stump. Create habitat piles in front of the ivy clad tree	Land To The Rear Of Lime Tree House High Street Whitwell Hertfordshire SG4 8AG

Submitted Plan Nos

2.0 **Site History**

None relevant.

3.0 **Representations**

None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

T1-T5 5x Crack Willow (applicant's plan) subject of this application are located along the river banks of the Mimram in Whitwell. The trees are barely visible to the public realm and are visible to surrounding properties. The site is within the Whitwell Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

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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 not highly visible to the public realm.

4.3.2 It is normal to find riparian Crack Willow still growing in is various states of collapse in areas that are generally away from public access and where they undergo sporadic management. It is necessary to carry out what can sometimes be regarded as heavy works on the grounds of health and safety or for conservation purposes. Where these trees are mainly set away from public visibility the proposed works are likely to have minimal impact on the amenity of the surroundings and is part of continued management of this habitat.

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 Whitwell Conservation Area.

4.5 **Alternative Options**

4.5.1 None applicable

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