

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
25/00167/TCA	White Poplar - Cut back by 2m. Selected branch removal. Reduce crown by 3 to 4m	Willow Court Baldock Lane Willian Hertfordshire

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 None.

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 N/A

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The site where the tree works are proposed lies on the north side of Baldock Lane and is within the Willian Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:

White Poplar - Cut back by 2m. Selected branch removal. Reduce crown by 3 to 4m.

4.3 **Key Issues**

4.3.1 The key issues in determining this application are; 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 The tree are identified on the submitted plan and the application is accompanied by a Tree Report dated 17/01/2025.

4.3.3 The tree is sited immediately to the rear of Willow Court and alongside a building where there is a degree of encroachment. The proposed works would see some of the offending branches reduced/removed with a reduction to the crown by 2-3m. I am satisfied that the works are necessary in order to protect the building and ensure the longer-term management of the tree.

4.3.4 The works would not result in harm to the amenity value of the tree or result in any significant harm to the character and appearance of the Willian Conservation Area.

- 4.3.5 There would appear not to be any immediate threat to the 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 to the tree would not harm its amenity value to a significant degree. As such, 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.

Signed  Paul Chaston Determining Officer	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Date: 24 January 2025	