

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/02226/TCA	T1: Ash, T2: Oak - Reduction of the crown by 25%.	The Old Vicarage Willian Road Willian Letchworth Garden City Hertfordshire SG6 2AE

Submitted Plan Nos

2.0 **Site History**

12/02259/1TCA - Crown thin 1 Oak Tree by approximately 30% and prune back branches growing close to property by a maximum of 10%. Crown thin by approximately 30% and crown lift to a height of 2.5 metres 1 Ash tree. – No objection

13/00638/1TCA - Crown reduction by 20% of 1 Ash tree (T1) and crown reduction by 20% to 1 Oak tree (T2) - No objection

18/02811/TCA - T2 Oak - Crown reduced 20-30%.- No objection

22/02277/TCA - Ash - Reduce the crown by 25%. – No objection

3.0 **Representations**

None received.

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site**

T1: Ash, (applicant's plan) is located at the rear of the property on the south boundary, while T2 Oak (applicant's plan) is located on the west boundary. The trees are partly visible to general public. The site is within the Willian Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

T1: Ash, T2: Oak - Reduction of the crown by 25%.

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 partly visible to the public realm.

4.3.2 Both T1 Ash and T2 Oak are mature trees that have been previously reduced and are now displaying good regrowth. Up to 3m regrowth is present on the Ash with dense internal growth visible in both trees. Regular repeat pruning operations ensures the trees' sizes are maintained without creating large dysfunctional wounds that occur if pruning is delayed. The works will have a short-term negative impact on the appearance of the trees, but signs of high vitality within these trees suggests this will be quickly reversed as new growth occurs. The proposed works should not exceed previous pruning points and should therefore not breach existing barriers to microbial

ingress that are likely present. The works should therefore not be detrimental to the health of the trees.

4.4 Conclusion

- 4.4.1 The proposed works would not result in any adverse impact upon the character, appearance and amenity of the Willian 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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Determining Officer Date: 8 October 2026	