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

**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

24/02421/TCA

T1: Goat Willow - Remove low limb to
clear house

The Old Granary
Church End
Barley
Royston
Hertfordshire
SG8 8JW

Submitted Plan Nos

Location plan Photo

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 Full case history on file.

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 comprises of a listed property located on the northern side of Church End and within the Barley Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:

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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 is identified by the number 1 on the submitted site plan and the application is accompanied by a photograph of the tree.

4.3.3 The tree is located to the western side of the dwelling between the application site and the neighbouring property known as Willetts. The photograph which accompanies the application clearly shows the lower branch of the tree overhanging a timber outbuilding. I am satisfied that the removal of the lower limb would seek to ensure the longer-term management of the tree. 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 Barley Conservation Area.

- 4.3.4 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 Barley Conservation Area as to overcome the justification for the work.

5.0 **Recommendation**

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

Signed  Ben Glover	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 6 November 2024	