

Chalkleys Barn
Church Lane
Graveley
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Herts
SG4 7LR

27th Jan 2026

Dear Sir or Madam

I am writing to request permission to fell two trees in my garden, which falls within the boundaries of Graveley Conservation Area.

Both trees (an Arizona Cypress and a Cherry Plum tree) have overgrown the area in which they were planted, which is designated as a fenced off vegetable patch at the bottom of the Chalkleys Barn garden,

The Cypress tree in particular now dwarfs the neighbouring cottage, and both trees block the light to Ley Cottage's easterly aspect. I am concerned that its proximity to their house could become a safety risk should high winds affect its branches, or even topple the tree completely.

We have consulted with our neighbours in Ley Cottage, Flint Barn, and Graveley Bury Farm and they are all supportive of this application.

We have also consulted with an arborist, Mr Wayne Balaam, of WB Tree and Landscapes Ltd, Hertford, who has agreed to conduct the work should the application be successful.

Yours faithfully

Dr Pauline Williams CBE