

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

CASE OFFICER: ...Kayleigh Abery.....

APPLICATION REFERENCE	BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT	APPLICATION SITE
26/02222/TCA	T2: Medlar - Chop out ground suckers and remove epicormic shoots and shape. T4: Rowan - Remove deadwood. T5: Scots Pine - Deadwooding, removal of damaged crossing branches. T6: Yew - Trim and tidy bole and lower canopy. T7, T11, T12: Sycamore - Remove. T8: Box - Fell. T10: Sycamore - Raise crown a little to ease access to memorial stones. T13: Thorn - Tidy and shape. T14: Holly. Remove dead wood, clean up stems and lower canopy	All Saints Church Willian Church Road Willian Hertfordshire SG6 2AF

Submitted Plan Nos

2.0 **Relevant Site History**

2.1 02/00129/1TCA: Removal of 2 Sycamores and a Hornbeam tree. Received 28.01.2002 – **No objection**

2.2 05/01199/1TCA: Removal of one Conifer Tree. 01.09.2005 – **No objection**

3.0 **Representations**

3.1 N/A

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

4.1.1 The trees are located within the church yard of All Saints Church, a Grade II Star Listed Building with a wide variety of trees all within the public realm which is located within the green belt in the village of Willian and is within the Willian 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 trees; 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 trees are identified on the submitted location plan.

4.3.3 The proposal enables a combination of remedial works and felling to be undertaken to the trees, which are considered reasonable and would help secure the sites longer-term management and retain the character and appearance of the Conservation Area.

4.3.4 There is threat to T7, T11 & T12 due to their felling, however, T7 is decaying and has signs of illness T11 is growing so close to gravestone it appears to be lifting it and T12 is a small specimen growing awkwardly in the hedgerow which does not appear to provide benefit for it to remain. Overall, I do not consider a Tree Preservation Order to be appropriate.

4.3.5 It is to be noted that T8 (Box) has not been considered as it is not required in this application.

4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 It is considered the works would not result in any unacceptable harm to the amenity value of the retained trees and the wider Conservation Area, and the felling of T7, T11 & T12 would not cause unacceptable harm to the visual amenity of the Willian Conservation Area. Both remedial and felling works are deemed reasonable.

5.0 **Recommendation**

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

Signed  Melissa Tyler	Development Management North Hertfordshire District Council Council Offices Gernon Road Letchworth Herts SG6 3JF
Determining Officer Date: 6 October 2026	