

## DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

| APPLICATION REFERENCE | BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF DEVELOPMENT  | APPLICATION SITE                                                    |
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| 25/02122/TCA          | T3: Willow - Fell to ground level | 50 Gardiners Lane<br>Ashwell<br>Baldock<br>Hertfordshire<br>SG7 5LZ |

### **Submitted Plan Nos**

Location plan

## **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 Full history on case file.

### **3.0 Representations**

- 3.1 Ashwell Parish Council – None received.

### **4.0 Planning Considerations**

#### **4.1 Site and Surroundings**

- 4.1.1 The site lies to the east of the junction of Gardiners Lane with Rollys Lane and is within the Ashwell Conservation Area. The Willow tree is located within a Beech hedge at the southernmost point of the garden.

## 4.2 **Proposal**

4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:

1.0 T3: Willow - Fell to ground level

## 4.3 **Key Issues**

4.3.1 The key issues in determining this application is 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 on the submitted plan, and a photograph is submitted in support of the application.

4.3.3 It is clear from the photograph that the tree is growing from within a Beech hedge which is the reason for felling. The tree is relatively young, and although appears visually healthy, there is no justified reason to prevent felling, and the tree would not warrant further protection by way of a Tree Preservation Order.

## 4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 The loss of the tree would not result in any unacceptable harm to the character and appearance of the Ashwell Conservation Area.

## 5.0 **Recommendation**

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

Signed



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