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

**APPLICATION  
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF  
DEVELOPMENT**

**APPLICATION SITE**

25/02471/TCA

Goat willow - Coppice to 0.5m

Land Adjacent To Harvest Court

Wymondley Road

Willian

Hertfordshire

SG6 2UD

**Submitted Plan Nos**

Tree report

**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 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 relates to an area of land south of Willian Pond, north of William Arboretum and opposite Harvest Court and is within the Willian Conservation Area.

4.2           **Proposal**

4.2.1   Permission is sought to undertake the following works:

- Coppice Goat Willow tree to 0.5 metres.

4.3           **Key Issues**

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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 as T1 in the submitted Tree Report dated 15<sup>th</sup> September 2025 accompanying the application. The Tree Report recommends that due to the growth angle of the tree which is overhanging and hindering access to a public bench, that coppicing to a height of 0.5 metres would be appropriate. Based on the findings and recommendation of the Tree Report, I accept that there will be a degree of impact to the area in terms of public amenity value, however, given the remaining tree coverage on the land, I am satisfied that the proposed works appear reasonable and justified.

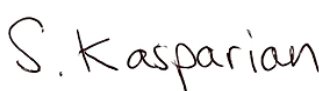
4.3.4 The condition of the tree means that it would not be suitable for further protection by way of a Tree Preservation Order.

#### 4.4 **Conclusion**

4.4.1 I am satisfied that the proposed work would not cause such harm to the character and appearance of the Willian Conservation Area as to overcome the justification for the work.

#### 5.0 **Recommendation**

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

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| <div>Signed</div> <div></div> <div>Sarah Kasparian</div> | <div>Development Management<br/>North Hertfordshire District Council<br/>Council Offices<br/>Gernon Road<br/>Letchworth<br/>Herts<br/>SG6 3JF</div> |
| <div>Determining Officer</div> <div>Date: 1 October 2025</div>                                                                             |                                                                                                                                                     |