

DELEGATED FILE NOTE

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

**APPLICATION
REFERENCE**

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF
DEVELOPMENT**

APPLICATION SITE

25/02461/TCA

Norway Maple - Crown reduction 2m

Land Adjacent To Willian Pond

Willian Road

Willian

Hertfordshire

SG6 2AE

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 history on case file.

3.0 **Representations**

- 3.1 N/A

4.0 **Planning Considerations**

4.1 **Site and Surroundings**

- 4.1.1 The site lies to the northwest and opposite the Fox Inn PH and is within the Willian Conservation Area.

4.2 **Proposal**

- 4.2.1 Permission is sought to undertake the following works:

- ☐ Norway Maple – Crown reduction 2 metres

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 a plan submitted as part of a Tree Report dated 15th September 2025. The report recommends the proposed works, which are considered to be remedial, and therefore reasonable and justified in order to ensure the longer-term management of the tree.
- 4.3.3 There would appear not to be any immediate threat to 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 would not result in harm to the amenity value of the tree. As such, I am satisfied that the 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.

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