

## SITE VISIT

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Notice of intent to carry out tree works to 3 Black Poplars and 1 large Willow.

I made a site visit to 55 Willow Crescent Hatfield Peverel yesterday. I discussed with the resident his intention to re pollard 3 large Black Poplars and reduce a Willow. All are situated at the rear of his garden beyond a small stream.

The Poplars have been sympathetically pollarded in the past and all 3 appear healthy and have maintained their natural shape. The resident is keen to maintain the health and appearance of the trees and I can see no reason why permission to do this should not be granted.

The large Willow overhangs the stream and is leaning significantly .There is a large amount of rot within the trunk, this could be seen by inserting a long stick into the rotted area. However the resident would like to retain the tree . He has discussed this with a tree surgeon and it was suggested the canopy should be taken back beyond the stream, therefore

reducing the weight and allowing the tree to produce new upright shoots and rebalance the tree.

This should make the tree significantly safer and may maintain the health of the tree for longer.

I therefore see no reason why permission to carry out these works should not be granted providing all safety aspects of the Willow are discussed with the qualified contractor.

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