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**To:**Charles Ebdn;Stewart Marshall  
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Hi Charles

I recently visited the above site to determine the suitability of the proposed works to x1 weeping willow (salix babylonica) T1 in the rear garden at the above address the proposal is to fell, the reasons given for its removal are primarily that the tree is outgrowing its location , loss of light and damage within the crown. I did explain to the applicant that shade cast is not routinely considered an adequate reason for a trees removal and that any damage in the crown could probably be worked on by a competent tree surgeon.

However the tree itself offers almost zero public amenity it can only be viewed from a neighbours garden and although the applicants garden is directly adjacent to a little used overgrown footpath it is hidden from view behind a hedge. The tree has had its crown unsympathetically reduced in the past and also has a very heavy 45 degree lean this coupled with its lack of visual amenity makes it unsuitable for the placement of a TPO in my opinion and as such I can see no reasonable objection to the notification to fell.

The applicant did mention the possible existence of a TPO on/for the Area from 1963 ? I am not aware of such as I have only been asked to comment on a section 211 notice application to fell trees within a conservation area but It is my opinion that this tree would not have been there in 1963 it appears around the 30 year old maximum mark. I hope this is helpful. If you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind Regards

Peter Eastaugh

Tree Inspector

Forestry Group

Corporate Resources Department

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