

CORRESPONDENCE FROM PLANNING OFFICER

From: XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX

Sent: 09 September 2025 15:34

To: clerk@ashwell.gov.uk

Subject: RE: 25/02199/TCA : Willow Tree Fell at 4 Lucas Lane Ashwell SG7 5LN

Hi Sally,

Further to our correspondence on relation to the above.

I confirm that I visited the site today and spoke with the owner.

I can confirm the findings of Anglian Water in their correspondence with the owner dating back to 2020, and following CCTV footage of the drains, they advised that there is 'very slight root ingress'. The drains were cleared but the problem is likely to get worse over time. The advice provided by Anglian Water is that the tree be felled to prevent further problems in the future.

I agree to an extension of time until 1st October to allow for any comments. However, do bear in mind that we are not likely to place a TPO on the tree given we are aware of this advice. Also, it is unlikely that a TPO would have been placed on the tree in any case, as its amenity value is not considered significant enough in my view.

Hope this helps and I await the comments of the parish council.