



MEMO

To:	Steve Peake
From:	Jasper Fulford-Dobson
Subject:	Weeping willow at Oak Cottage, Basingstoke Road, Swallowfield RG7 1PY
Our ref:	FDA1511
Date:	27.03.26

Following my inspection of the weeping willow at Oak Cottage, please find my recommendation below: -

Current dimensions: -

Height = 15m.

Radial crown spread = 6m north, 8m east, 6m south, 2m west.

Risk assessment (*THREATS*) = 3/7 ("slight").

Recommended pruning specification: -

Reduce the overall height down to 12.5m (+/- 0.5m).

Reduce the lateral spread on the north, east & south sides 1.5m (+/- 0.5m) respecting the natural weeping shape of the canopy.

Remove all deadwood over 30mm diameter.

(Please see photo on the following page)

Reasons: -

In the interests of personal safety and long-term tree preservation.

The tree has shed two large branches over the last 6 years and a nearby mature conifer (3m to the west) was removed a few years ago. The canopy is now asymmetrical and would benefit from further remedial pruning to balance the shape, contain the dimensions and reduce the overall risk of further failure.

Legal obligations: -

I have been advised that the tree is protected by a Tree Preservation Order. Therefore, an application will need to be made to the local planning authority for their written consent before undertaking this work.

Protected tree work applications can be submitted for free through the [Planning Portal](#)

This memo should be uploaded to support the application.



Photo showing proposed pruning (red dashed line).





Tree location plan



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