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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 TREE WORKS IN A CONSERVATION AREA

Reference: H02-0447-25 **Date of Decision:** 10th June 2025
Applicant: Mr A Lever
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Location: 50 West Street Crowland Peterborough
Description: Works to Trees in Crowland Conservation Area

Detailed Description:

Notification to reduce a walnut tree located in the rear garden of 50 West Street, very close to the back of the dwelling which has been gradually extended through the years, compounding the potential problem.

Please see the sketch plan and notes accompanying the Notification provided by the Applicant.

Walnut tree:

'To reduce the tree in height, in accordance with the ABI (Association of British Insurers) regarding the "safe" distance from a property for a walnut tree. I estimate this to be approximately 6.5 m. Thus enabling us to properly insure the property'.

South Holland District Council has considered the proposal and has no objections, subject to any recommendation set out below;

- 1 That the proposed work is commenced within two years of the date of this letter of 'No Objection'.
- 2 Work is to be carried out in accordance with BSI 3998 : 2010, 'Recommendations for Tree Work' as far as possible. Leave some twig/leaf structure remaining to help the tree survive

whilst recovering from the sudden removal of such a high percentage of growth. (PLEASE CONSIDER THE SECOND NOTE LISTED BELOW.)

Notes:

The necessary consent of all other interested parties should be obtained before the works proceed.

In general sudden massive reductions in height /crown are not good practice. Where such works are essential it is sometimes best to have an incremental phased approach whereby the reduction works are spread over a number of years allowing the tree to refoliate and recover for a season or so, before the next phase in reduction.

British Standard 3998 2010 suggests that the cross sectional area of the total number of cuts carried out at one time when viewed together should not exceed that of a third of the stem, when measured at 1.5 m above ground level; larger veteran trees an even lesser proportion.

Walnut trees should only be pruned in late July and early August when they are in full leaf. If they are holding their leaves well they may be pruned into September and exceptionally into October. If pruned at other times of the year, a walnut tree is likely to bleed sap profusely which could be detrimental to its health.

Under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) all birds, their nests and eggs are protected by law and it is an offence to damage or destroy the nest of any wild bird while it is in use or being built. In the event of query please contact Natural England on Tel: 03000 603900.

Bats are protected species under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) and in the event that bats are living in any cavities in the tree(s), or if they are discovered while the works are taking place, please inform Natural England on Tel: 03000 603900 before works proceed.



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