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

Reference: H02-0716-20 **Date of Decision:** 13th October 2020

Applicant: Mrs H Tack
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Location: 19 West Street Crowland Peterborough

Description: Works to Trees in Crowland Conservation Area

Detailed Description:

Retrospective Notification to remove a holly tree from the garden of 19 West Street, Crowland. The tree was removed in April 2020.
In the words of the applicant:
'Seeking retrospective permission to remove a holly tree following advice provided by arborist'.

Extract from arboricultural appraisal report in relation to subsidence investigation:

'Based on the technical reports currently available, engineering opinion and our own site assessment we conclude the damage is consistent with shrinkage of the clay subsoil related to moisture abstraction by vegetation. Having considered the information currently available, it is our opinion that T4 hornbeam is the principal cause of the current subsidence damage combined with contribution from T1 holly.

If an arboricultural solution is to be implemented to mitigate the influence of the implicated trees/vegetation we recommend that T1 holly and T4 hornbeam are removed.'

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

1 Work is to be carried out in accordance with BSI 3998 : 2010, 'Recommendations for Tree Work'.

2 The resulting stump of the tree should be ground out to at least 300mm below ground level to help reduce the risk of the stump harbouring decay fungi which could infect nearby trees.

Notes:

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

This case is unusual as both holly and hornbeam are thought to be low water demand species of tree; and are therefore in general less likely than most to cause subsidence damage to adjacent structures, particularly the mature holly.

(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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