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

Reference: H02-0956-23 **Date of Decision:** 11th December 2023

Applicant: V Ismail
Orchard House
4 Abbey Walk
Crowland
Spalding
PE6 0EP

Location: Orchard House 4 Abbey Walk Crowland Spalding

Description: Works to Trees in Crowland Conservation Area

Detailed Description:

Notification to carry out works to trees at Orchard House, 4 Abbey Walk. The willow would appear to be in the rear garden of 16 Abbey Walk, which backs onto adjacent tennis courts.

Please see the annotated aerial photograph accompanying the Notification for the position of the trees.

'Willow (red) remove tree.

Eucalyptus (blue) remove tree.

Apple (green) remove tree.'

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 carried out 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'.

- 3 The resulting stumps of the trees should be ground out to at least 300mm below ground level, to help reduce the risk of the stumps harbouring decay fungi which could infect nearby trees.

Notes:

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

It is recommended that a replacement deciduous tree is planted for each the willow tree and apple tree as near as reasonably practicable, to the position of the original trees, within a period of twelve months. To retain the tree cover of the Conservation Area.

The apple tree which looks to be completely hollow is very likely to contain nesting birds at some point between mid February and end of September, so avoidance of removal within this period is recommended. Bats are currently hibernating so difficult to monitor their presence.

Please be especially vigilant for roosting bats within cavities, when the apple tree is dismantled. If any are found please stop work immediately and contact Natural England on the number below or Lincolnshire Bat Group on Tel: 01775 766286 or the Bat Conservation Trust on 0345 1300 228 for advice.

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.

(Suggest some of the sections of the apple tree with holes in could be kept and made into natural bird nest boxes.)



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