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Works to Trees in a Conservation Area

Dear Sir/madam,

REFERENCE: H02-0986-14

DESCRIPTION: Notification of works to horse chestnut trees in the grounds of Crowland Abbey, which is within the Conservation Area.

a) Previously pruned and re-grown horse chestnut immediately to the east of the Abbey chancel.

The works proposed on this tree depend on what condition it is found to be in once a climbing inspection has been made.

If the tree is considered to be sufficiently strong, should it be cut back to sound wood, to maintain a new canopy; it may be retained. The crown either to be pruned back to previous cuts or reduced back and thinned out to give clearance from the Abbey and balanced.

If on close inspection the tree has sufficient crown rot to make it un-viable to retain, then the tree should felled, removed and a replacement tree planted.

b) Horse chestnut approximately 25 metres to the east of the chancel of the Abbey. This tree contains deadwood, had evidence of a fungal infection and has become hollow. It thus poses a danger. The tree contains many wood pecker holes.

Notification to fell and remove the tree and plant a replacement.

LOCATION: Crowland Abbey Church Lane Crowland Spalding

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

Please Note

Notes:

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

SHOULD THE HORSE CHESTNUT CLOSEST TO THE ABBEY BE REMOVED ADVICE MAY NEED TO BE SOUGHT WHETHER ITS REMOVAL COULD AFFECT NEARBY BUILT STRUCTURES. SIMILARLY WITH REGARD TO WHETHER THE PROPOSED PLANTING AN OAK WHICH IS A HIGH WATER DEMAND TREE WHILST A HORSE CHESTNUT IS A MODERATE WATER DEMAND TREE.

If it is decided to prune the horse chestnut near the Abbey, the ideal time to prune is between leaf fall and February when the sap starts to rise, and the bleeding of sap may be a problem.

The duty of the landowner is to plant another tree, of an appropriate size and species, at the same place and as soon as reasonably possible to replace each removed.

Should the tree closest to the Abbey be felled it may be replaced by a Magnolia x kewensis of at least 1.0 metres high on planting, the other horse chestnut to be replaced by a further horse chestnut (Aesculus hippocastanum) or a Turner's oak (Quercus x turneri) of at least 1.5 metres high on planting, both to be planted as near as reasonably practicable to the position of the original trees within a period of twelve months.

Modifications to the details may be agreed with the Local Planning Authority.

Please inform the Local Planning Authority as soon as replanting has taken place and indicate the position of the replacement tree(s). Section 207 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 empowers this Authority to issue a Notice formally requiring replacement trees to be planted.

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 at their Lincoln office on 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 at their Lincoln office on 03000 603900

before works proceed.

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE SECOND HORSE CHESTNUT TREE CONTAINS SEVERAL WOOD PECKER HOLES, THESE ARE LIKELY TO PROVIDE NEST HOLES FOR VARIOUS SPECIES OF BIRDS AND MAY CONTAIN ROOSTING SITES FOR BATS. A THOROUGH INSPECTION SHOULD BE MADE TO CHECK WHETHER EITHER POTENTIAL INHABITANTS ARE PRESENT BEFORE WORKS PROCEED.

AS SO MANY WOOD PECKER HOLES WILL BE REMOVED, WHEN THE SECOND HORSECHESTNUT IS FELLED, IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT A SUITABLE NEST BOX WITH A SIMILAR HOLE SIZE IS CONSTRUCTED AND PLACED IN A TREE NEARBY, TO PROVIDE ALTERNATIVE ACCOMODATION.

Yours faithfully,

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