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Works to Trees in a Conservation Area

Dear Sir/madam,

REFERENCE: H05-0205-15

DESCRIPTION: Works to trees in the grounds of St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Fleet which is within the Conservation Area.

Reference numbers refer to the plan attached to the notification, and as attached to this letter of no objection.

1. A variety of cockspur thorn, likely to be *Crataegus x lavalleyi*. Remove as has partially collapsed due to weight of ivy and has a fungal infection of the bark.
- 2 and 3. Yew trees 'lift skirts', crown lift by the pruning of lowest branches back to existing growth points to enable clearance for the grass to be cut.
4. Cherry tree saplings, remove to enable clearance for the grass to be cut.
5. Silver birch 'lift skirts', crown lift by the pruning of lowest branches back to existing growth points to enable clearance for the grass to be cut.
6. and 7. Elder saplings, remove.

Clear ivy from all trees and from church wall.

(During the site visit of 17.2.2015 crown lifting a Norway spruce to the east of the Lych Gate and a false acacia tree in the north eastern part of the church yard to give pedestrian access beneath and for grass cutting were discussed. These may be included in this notification if required).

LOCATION: St Mary Magdalenes Church Church End Fleet 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 stumps of the trees to be removed should be ground out or removed, to at least 300mm below ground level to help reduce the risk of the stumps 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.

Major pruning works to yews should ideally be carried out in May, although minor trimming works to yews may be carried out in August or September. Beware of nesting birds.

Silver birches should ideally be pruned in late summer and autumn as bleeding of sap from pruning works can be a problem at other times of the year.

(False acacias should be pruned in the mid to late summer period, as bleeding of sap from pruning cuts can be a problem at other times of the year).

In the case of the cockspur thorn 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.

It is recommended that the tree is replaced with a variety of cockspur thorn (*Crataegus x lavallei* apparently has few thorns) of at least 1.5 metres high on planting, as near as reasonably practicable to the position of the original tree within a period of twelve months. It would be advisable to protect with a tree guard, to reduce rabbit/vole damage, a galvanised 2 metre high wire guard may also be advisable for further protection. Guards to be maintained until the tree is established.

Please inform the Local Planning Authority as soon as replanting has taken place and indicate the position of the replacement tree. 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.

Yours faithfully,

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CONIFER HEDGE

RECTORY BOUNDARY

WALL

DRIVE
WAY

[1]

[2]

← CHURCH WALL →

[4]

ATTEN
GATE

WOODEN FENCE

GATES

WOODEN FENCE

[5]

BOUNDARY

WOOD
FOOTPATH

CLEAN BRAMBLES ETC

BOUNDARY

CHURCH.

⑥ REMOVE ELDERS SAPLINGS

DRIVEWAY
TO OLD
RECTORY

GATE
TO
OLD
RECTORY

⑦ REMOVE
ELDERS
SAPLINGS