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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
WORKS TO A PRESERVED TREE

Reference: H05-0512-26 **Date of Decision:** 24th July 2026

Applicant: Evocare Building Services
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Location: Hovenden House Fleet Bank Fleet Spalding

Description: Works to Fleet Tree Preservation Order No. 11 2008

Detailed Description:

Application to carry out works to trees within the grounds of Hovenden House. The trees are within Area One of Fleet Tree Preservation Order No.11 2008.

Please see the plans accompanying the Application for the positions of the trees, also the photographs. The annotated photograph of the sycamore which shows the proposed branch removal is particularly important.

The original Application was amended with regard to the sycamore on the 20th July 2026.

As described by the Applicant:
'A mature Sycamore.'

'The stem is 36cm away from a building (Stables of Hovenden House) which we are starting to renovate this summer- as seen in attached photo. The roof is being completely stripped, repaired and re-tiled.'
'Change from felling sycamore to reduction for roof maintenance.
My editing of the photo is not great but it shows in the blue colour two cuts to be made.
The lowest blue line will be to the stem of the tree and would remove branches marked in Orange/red.

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The highest blue line indicates a cut back to another branch where it will then leave an area over the roof clear.'

Scots pine.
'I have also added a Scots Pine to this application, to be removed as it is dead and posing a danger. Photos attached.'

South Holland District Council hereby give notice that permission has been GRANTED (or equivalent) subject to the following condition(s):

1 That the proposed work is carried out within two years of the date of this decision unless otherwise agreed with the District Council.

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

3 The resulting stump of the pine tree should be ground out to at least 300mm below ground level, unless otherwise agreed with the District Council, 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.

Pruning of sycamores should take place in late summer or early autumn. All pruning works to sycamores should be completed by mid-January to avoid problems of sap bleed.

In this case the duty of the landowner is to plant a replacement for the pine tree, of an appropriate size and species at the same place and as soon as reasonably possible.

It is recommended that the Scots pine, is replaced with a further Scots pine 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. The tree should ideally be protected with an appropriate tree guard until fully established, and watered in dry periods for at least the first two years to help its roots re-establish.

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 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 in the original roof; please inform Natural England on Tel: 03000 603900 before works proceed.



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RIGHTS OF APPEAL:

Where an application is made to the Authority for consent and that consent is refused or is granted subject to conditions the applicant, if aggrieved by the decision, may appeal to the Planning Inspectorate (PiNS). Appeals must be received by the PiNS within 28 days of the Council's decision. The appeal should be made on the relevant TPO (consents) appeal form which can be obtained from PiNS. The form can be found on the Planning Portal website at:

https://www.gov.uk/appeal-decision-about-tree-order

Alternatively a form can be obtained by writing to Environment Appeals, Room 3A Eagle Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Bristol, BS1 6PN or telephone on 0303 444 5000.

If you visit the Planning Portal web site you will be able to complete the appeal form and return it to PiNS electronically via the email address:

treeandhedgeappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk