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

Reference: H05-0621-25 **Date of Decision:** 11th August 2025

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Stockford
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Location: The Manor House Hallgate Fleet Spalding

Description: Works to Trees in Fleet Conservation Area

Detailed Description:

Notification to carry out works to trees within the grounds of the Manor House, Hallgate.

Please see the plan and photographs which accompanied the Notification.

'As per picture' the yews 'are hanging too low and need reshaping.'

'Yew (Taxus Baccata) A'

A maximum of '30% reduction made sympathetically to improve shape and health.'

Yew (Taxus Baccata) B'

A maximum of '30% reduction made sympathetically to improve shape and health.'

Yew (Taxus Baccata) C'

A maximum of '30% reduction made sympathetically to improve shape and health.'

Yew (Taxus Baccata) D'

A maximum of '30% reduction made sympathetically to improve shape and health.'

Yew (Taxus Baccata) E'

A maximum of '30% reduction made sympathetically to improve shape and health.

Portugal laurel (*Prunus lusitanica*). F

30% reduction made sympathetically to improve shape and health. As per picture it is too tall and wide.

Sycamore (*Acer Pseudoplatanus*) G

2-3m clearance from existing Coach House building. Potential 3m removal from height (as has been cut before). As per picture it has branches that are interfering with building.

Silver Birch (*Betula pendula*) H

30% reduction made sympathetically back to existing growth points. As per picture it is too tall and wide.'

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'.

Notes:

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

If the Portuguese laurel had the Russian vine removed just before this very hot spring and summer, it could quite likely have died back from leaf scorch, due to the sudden exposure to sunshine. It possibly has some green buds forming now to replenish those that were damaged.

Major pruning works to yews should be carried out in May, although minor trimming works may be carried out in August or September. Always check if nesting birds are present before works are to be undertaken and, if present, delay until the fledglings have been reared and have flown the nest.

Portuguese laurel, 'prune in either spring or summer. Mature plants can tolerate hard pruning in spring, cutting back to the old wood.'

From Royal Horticultural Society website.

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.

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

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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