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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
WORKS TO A PRESERVED TREE

Reference: H05-1049-25 **Date of Decision:** 16th December 2025

Applicant: Mr C J Holmes
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Location: Battleford Hall Bensgate Road Holbeach Spalding

Description: Works to Fleet Tree Preservation Order No 1 1965

Detailed Description:

Application to carry out works to a yew tree, within the grounds of Battleford Hall, adjacent to the Church Yard.

Please see the plan accompanying the application for the position of the tree. The tree is located within Group Two of Fleet Tree Preservation Order No 1 1965.

'Yew tree adjacent to northern boundary of the grounds of Battleford Hall which is adjacent to Fleet Church Yard.

Work to reduce height of tree to 8-10 feet above ground level to make tree safer, as it is increasingly leaning into the Church Yard in an area currently being used for burials. The Church Warden has raised concerns regarding the safety of the tree.'

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'.

Notes:

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

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. (If forced to prune outside of the recommended season, avoid pruning in periods of frosty weather.)

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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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