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

Reference: H05-1168-18 **Date of Decision:** 18th December 2018

Applicant: Mr Waltham
Oak Lodge
Church End
Fleet
Spalding Lincs
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Location: Farm Yard: Manor House Hall Gate Fleet Spalding

Description: Works to trees in Fleet Conservation Area

Detailed Description:

Notification to remove a mature ash tree located in the farmyard opposite the junction between Hall Gate and Church Gate, Fleet. The tree is adjacent to the road frontage and has an electrictity transformer inconveniently located beneath its canopy. Please see the site plan and position marked on an aerial photograph, accompanying the notification; for the location of the tree.
'One medium ash tree adjacent to a ground mounted electricity transformer. Grid ref:Tf3896823719. Request to fell.'

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

trees.

Notes:

ALTHOUGH SOUTH HOLLAND DISTRICT COUNCIL ARE NOT INCLINED TO MAKE THE ASH TREE CONCERNED SUBJECT TO A TREE PRESERVERATION ORDER, AS THIS WOULD PUT AN UN-NECESSARY BURDEN ON THE OWNER OF THE LAND ON WHICH THE TREE GROWS; THE NOTIFICATION CAN NOT BE FULLY SUPPORTED ON THE GROUNDS GIVEN. THE TREE APPEARS TO BE A HEALTHY ASH TREE, UNDER WHICH A GROUND MOUNTED ELECTRICITY TRANSFORMER HAS BEEN PLACED. GREATER THOUGHT SHOULD HAVE BEEN GIVEN TO THE SITING OF THE TRANSFORMER IN THE FIRST PLACE. AT PRESENT THE ASH TREE ENHANCES THE VISUAL AMENITY OF THE CONSERVATION AREA BY SCREEN ING THE TRANSFORMER.
THIS ASPECT.SHOULD BE CONSIDERED BEFORE THE TREE IS REMOVED.

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

It may be advisable to obtain the opinion of a qualified arboriculturist regarding the potential effect that the removal of the tree could have on nearby built structures, such as the adjacent farm building.

Should the ash be removed, although not a requirement; it is strongly recommended that a replacement tree of at least 1.5 metres high on planting, of a moderate water demand native species with the potential to grow as large as the ash tree, is offered to the landowner as a replacement and if he is agreeable planted nearby, to help mitigate the effect that the removal of the tree has on the Conservation Area.

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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