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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

TREE WORKS IN A CONSERVATION AREA

Reference: H06-0948-19 **Date of Decision:** 29th October 2019

Applicant: Christ Church
Church Street
Gedney Dawsmere
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Location: Christ Church Church Street Gedney Dawsmere Spalding

Description: Works to trees in Gedney Dawsmere Conservation Area

Detailed Description:

Notification with regard to two trees within the Church yard of Christ Church, Gedney Dawsmere. The ash is adjacent to the south eastern corner of the Church yard on the frontage with Church Street, the black poplar is also on the frontage. Please see the sketch plan accompanying the Notification.

'Ash tree - Front right - Removal - Trunk diseased lost may limbs.

Poplar tree - Front right - Removal -Tree diseased.'

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

Notes:

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 poplar tree could have on nearby built structures. Poplars are high water demand trees.

In this case the duty of the landowner is to plant another tree to replace each removed, of an appropriate size and species, at the same place and as soon as reasonably possible.

It is recommended that the ash tree is replaced with either a further ash (but currently there are restrictions on the movement of ash trees off site), or a hornbeam such as the variety, Frans Fontaine, which apparently retains a fastigiated shape and can reach 9 metres high and be only 2.5m - 3.0 m spread in 25 years. (Consider a fastigate tree, so it does not overhang the adjacent access). Ash are moderate water demand trees, hornbeam low water demand trees. Another suitable tree would be a whitebeam, they are moderate water demand.

The previous poplars which were removed were replaced with oaks, rather than black poplars, an oak would be a suitable replacement. Both oaks and poplars are high water demand trees.

The replacements to be at least 1.5 metres high on planting, to be planted as near as reasonably practicable to the position of the original trees within a period of twelve months.

Ideally the replacement trees should be staked and provided with tree guards (to help prevent damage by mammals, such as rabbits and voles) until established. Watering particularly in the first year can help the tree take advantage of the long daylight hours of summer to grow and become established, rather than struggling to survive during this period.

Modifications, may be agreed in writing with the Local Planning Authority (South Holland District Council).

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. The ash tree in particular had wood pecker holes in it. It is recommended that some suitable nest boxes for wood-peckers are installed close by, to mitigate for the loss of the tree.

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. There is evidence of bats in the Church itself.



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