Additional sheet relating to Planning Application dated 09-01-24 submitted in respect of proposed tree works at The Coppice, 5 Hillgate, Gedney Hill, Spalding PE12 0NN

Question 7 – Identification of Tree(s) and Description of Works

This application relates to six silver birch trees located at the front of my property protected under TPO Number G2 and shown on the attached Plan.

I sought the advice of Mrs Fairchild-Fenton, Tree Preservation Officer, who visited last week. Mrs Fairchild-Fenton was able to confirm that, unfortunately, tree numbers 5 and 6 are dead, tree number 4 is dying, and tree number 3 has a fungal disease.

She has said that she would support the removal of all six silver birches under this TPO on the condition that replacements are planted to ensure a pleasing aesthetic appearance, both to my property and the highway/village. Where possible she has asked that the stumps are ground out but, as discussed with her, Marcus Goose (Tree Surgeon/Arborist) will be undertaking this work and I will need to take his advice on this due to the proximity of the mains water pipe into my property and the risks involved. Mrs Fairchild-Fenton was happy to support this approach. It would be my intention that the replacement trees would be native silver birch trees approximately 1.5m tall and planted in a very similar position to the existing trees, allowing for future growth.

I look forward to the Council's support of my application.

Thank you.