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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 WORKS TO A PRESERVED TREE

Reference: H07-0967-25 **Date of Decision:** 1st December 2025

Applicant: Mrs D Rose
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Location: 2a Lincolns Avenue Gedney Hill Spalding

Description: Works to Gedney Hill Tree Preservation Order No 2 1989

Detailed Description:

Application to carry out works to a sycamore tree located on the boundary of 2A and 4 Lincolns Avenue. The tree is identified as T1 of Gedney Hill Tree Preservation Order No 2 1989.

The proposed works options that were likely to receive consent were discussed at a site meeting between the Applicant and the Trees and Nature Conservation Officer on 7th November 2025. The Applicant confirmed in writing on 25th November 2025 the 'Description of proposed works'.

The tree had been cut back by 30% shortly after the works being granted planning consent on 16th December 2022. Limited regrowth had occurred since, particularly noticeable were vertical compensatory shoots which grew through the crown crossing existing branches.

Confirmed 'Description of works'.

1. The new vertical compensatory growth throughout the crown to be cut back, to keep the crown 'open' and prevent potential rubbing branches in the future. Two such sprigs of new growth which grow directly from the trunk to remove.
2. Some fresh extension growth from the recently cut branches was present. The extension growth was noted of small diameter, the longest approximately 1.5-1.75 metres maximum.

The fresh extension growth to be trimmed back to the original cuts left in 2022 (or to sound wood if any rot is present).

(When the original cuts were made following the last consent, the majority were taken back to existing growth points. In most cases these can be retained or very slightly reduced and just the compensatory growth removed.)

South Holland District Council hereby give notice that permission has been GRANTED (or equivalent) subject to the following condition(s):

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Notes:

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

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.

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