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

Reference: H08-0368-26 **Date of Decision:** 20th May 2026

Applicant: Mr S Prentis
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Location: Crossways 2 Salem Street Gosberton Spalding

Description: Works to Trees in Gosberton Conservation Area

Detailed Description:

Notification to remove a laurel tree in the garden of Crossways, 2 Salem Street.

In the words of the Owner of the property:

'I am asking for permission to remove an old laurel tree.
(Please see the plan of house and tree below).

I believe it is a cherry laurel (Prunus laurocerasus).

We have recently acquired a new dog and are worried it might try to eat some of the many berries the tree drops each year, which could make it very ill. The tree is also quite close to the house, and to the south, which means it blocks out a lot of light in the mornings. We would be very happy to replace the tree with something more suitable and animal friendly if you so wish. Any advice would be gladly received'

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 ideally be ground out/removed to at least 300mm below ground level, to help reduce the risk of the stump harbouring decay fungi which could infect nearby trees. If present, please take care not to damage the roots of adjacent trees in the process.

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 tree could have on nearby built structures.

In this instance there is no requirement to plant a replacement tree, although the planting of a replacement is encouraged. Maybe something like a species of magnolia would be suitable, although occasionally these do fruit.

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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