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Application for Works to a Protected Tree(s)

Dear Sir/madam,

REFERENCE: H08-0501-15

DESCRIPTION: Works to balance the canopy of a large mature yew tree identified as T1 of Gosberton Bank Tree Preservation Order No.3 2007. The tree is located in the grounds of Bank House Nursing Home, Gosberton Bank.

- 1.Remove minor broken branches and poor pruning cuts(stub ends).
- 2.Remove any rubbing branches or crossing ones likely to rub.
- 3.Remove all dead wood and carry out a minor crown thin to remove some small branches causing congestion in the crown, which will become shaded out.
- 4.Crown raise by up to 2.5 metres from ground level.
- 5.Selectively prune canopy from overhanging the neighbouring arable field which will help to balance the tree.
- 5.Re-shape crown by a reduction by no more then 2.0 metres all round; particularly the lower branches to a height of up to approximately 5.0 metres. This will help insure that the crown retains a trim appearance and help prevent the development of extra long pendulous branches weighted with growth at the apex; which may be vulnerable to damage by heavy snow fall.

The overall crown reduction is likely to be in the region of 25%.

LOCATION: Bank House Nursing Home Gosberton Bank Gosberton Spalding

Further to your application as detailed above NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the District Council has decided as follows:

That consent be **GRANTED**, subject to any conditions set out below:

- 1 That the proposed work is carried out within two years of the date of this decision unless otherwise agreed with the District Council.
- 2 Work is to be carried out in accordance with BSI 3998 : 2010, 'Recommendations for Tree Work'.

Please Note

Notes:

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

Major pruning works to yews should ideally be carried out in May, (this is often not possible as nesting birds are likely to be present), minor trimming works may be carried out in August or September. In this instance pruning over-hanging branches prior to the harvesting of crops in the adjacent field would be desirable.

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 at their Lincoln office on 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 at their Lincoln office on 03000 603900 before works proceed.

Yours faithfully,

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RIGHT 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 Planning Inspectorate within 28 days of the Council's decision. Your appeal should be made on the relevant TPO (consents) appeal form obtained from the Planning Inspectorate (PINS). You can find the form on the Planning Portal web site at: www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/appeals/otherappealscasework/treepreservation You may also obtain a form by telephoning or writing to PINS at:

Environment Team, Room 3/25 Hawk Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Bristol. BS1 6PN.
tel: 0117 372 8192

If you visit the Planning Portal web site, you will be able to complete the appeal form and return it to the Planning Inspectorate electronically by e-mail to: environment.appeals@pins.gsi.gov.uk