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

Reference: H08-0539-23 **Date of Decision:** 25th July 2023
Applicant: Gosberton House Nursing Home
11 Westhorpe Road
Gosberton
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Lincolnshire
PE11 4EW
Location: Gosberton House Nursing Home 11 Westhorpe Road Gosberton Spalding
Description: Works to Gosberton Tree Preservation Order No. 13 1988

Detailed Description:

Application to carry out works to trees within the grounds of Gosberton House Nursing Home, 11 Westhorpe Road.

The trees are within Area One of Gosberton Tree Preservation Order No. 13 1988, they are also within Gosberton Conservation Area.

As a result of a site visit by the District Council's Trees and Nature Conservation Officer on 11th July 2023, the original description has been changed where denoted by brackets. These changes were approved on site by a representative of Gosberton House Nursing Home who was familiar with the proposed tree works.

Please see the plan accompanying the Application for the position of the trees.

'T1 - Purple Plum loss of over 50% of the base - Removal for safety reasons.

T3 - Corkscrew Willow - Dead wooding and shaping work.

T9 - Chestnut - Crown raise to 2.5 metre above public highway, aerial inspection of crown to ascertain extent of decay.

T11 - Chestnut - Raise crown to 2.5 metre over gate with use of access platform, remove deadwood over 25mm and tidy up poor pruning cuts/ snapped out limbs.

(Whilst using platform, low branches over the pond may be selectively reduced to existing growth points to reduce weight on limbs).

T12 - Chestnut - Removal of deadwood over 25mm in the crown.

T17 - Sycamore - (Lift crown to 3 metres over public highway with use of access platform.)

T18 - Chestnut (Lift crown to 3 Metres over public highway and school entrance with use of access platform).

T25 - Sycamore - Remove deadwood in crown over 25mm with use of access platform.

G26 - (Listed on tree survey as plum) Actually Bay Laurel - Remove due to fungal growth and adverse effect on wall structure behind tree.

T27 - Yew - Remove deadwood over 25mm in crown.

T28 - Large Sycamore - Removal for safety reasons due to large decay and crack on limb supporting around 45% of tree total crown.

T30 - Elder - Fell/removal.

T31 - Plum - Remove broken branches and band ivy.

Group 32/T33 - Elm - Fell any standing trees, remove fallen trees from pond, cut timber into lengths and chip all brash - Dutch elm disease.

T34 - Yew - Reduce whole crown by 2-4 metres to reduce weight stress of heavy lean, crown raise to enable access for grass cutting.

T35 - Sycamore - Remove deadwood over 25mm in the crown, clear growth from around BT wires, raise crown away from neighbouring school building with use of access platform.

Group of sycamore (on the front corner of property bordering church wall) Unidentified on tree survey - Basal decay, covered in ivy, signs of crown decay with lots of deadwood, also trees are damaging church boundary wall - Removal and eco plug stumps.

Ash (on front grass, in front of main building adjacent to carpark entrance) Identified as in acceptable condition in tree survey - Showing signs of ash dieback, brittle tips and branches, hanging deadwood and discolouration of stem - Removal to ground level.'

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 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'.
- 3 The resulting stumps of the trees to be removed should be ground out to at least 300mm below ground level, unless otherwise agreed with the District Council, to help reduce the risk of the stumps harbouring decay fungi which could infect nearby trees. (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.

Avoid pruning horse chestnuts in the spring months directly prior to and immediately after bud opening as bleeding of sap from pruning cuts may be a problem. Ideally prune between leaf fall and February.

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.

Major pruning works to yews should be carried out in May, although minor trimming works may be carried out in August or September. Always check if nesting birds are present before works are to be undertaken and, if present, delay until the fledglings have been reared and have flown the nest.

In this case the duty of the landowner is to plant another tree to replace the purple plum, of an appropriate size and species, at the same place and as soon as reasonably possible. (In this instance although it is proposed to remove other trees, their replacement is not considered necessary).

It is recommended that the purple plum tree is replaced with a further species of *Prunus*, of at least 1.5metres in height on planting, as near as reasonably practicable, to the position of the original tree, within a period of twelve months.

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.

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.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Phil Norman', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Phil Norman
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South Holland District Council