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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

Reference: H08-0819-19 **Date of Decision:** 27th September 2019

Applicant: Mrs Debbie Reynolds
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Location: St Peter And St Paul Church Church Street Gosberton Spalding

Description: Works to trees in Gosberton Conservation Area

Detailed Description:

Notification to carry out reduction and removal of trees on the southern side of the Church yard of St Peter and St. Paul Church, Gosberton, also the re-pollarding of the lime trees.

There are two reasons for this Notification for tree works, in the words of the applicant:

'1. The trees block the view of the roof which meant that when thieves recently stole 12 tons of lead from the roof, they were screened completely by the trees.

2. The PCC (Parochial Church Council) want the Church to be more visible as it was 50 years ago before all the trees were planted. Our Church is a beautiful building G1 (Grade One Listed) and should be on show.'

Please see the plan accompanying the Notification, for the position of the trees.

"The trees are numbered by type from 1 to 8:

1 - Weeping Beech. Biggest tree in front churchyard, approximate diameter is 9 metres. Height is 10 metres. We would like this tree removed. It was planted by a parishioner in 1973 and is not a memorial to any one and has no TPO on it.

2 - Lime trees - all to be pollarded.

3 - Rowan trees - they vary in height from 4 metres to 8 metres. We want to reduce them all by half their height. Some are very close together so we may want to cut one down completely.

4 - (Likely to be a Judas tree) This is a big barren tree with green leaves on the branch tips. We would like this removed. It is 6 metres high and serves no purpose.' or 'To be reduced in size by half.'

'5 - Magnolia trees - these have been planted at either end of the churchyard far too close to the building and are about to touch the stone work of the church and windows. We would like to reduce the canopy of these and reduce their height by 50%. They both have a diameter of 3 metres and are 4 metres high.

6 - Judas tree - this too has been planted too close to the church and is touching the stone work and stained glass windows. It needs a crown reduction and its' height reduced by 50%. Its' diameter is 4 metres and its' height is 6 metres.

7 - Red Beech - this tree has been planted next to the weeping beech and has a diameter of 3 meters and a height of 7 metres. We would like to remove this tree.

8 - Yew trees - These are 2 meters tall and 1.5 meters in diameter. We would like to reduce the height of these by 50% so they look like a bush.'

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 stumps of the trees to be removed, should be ground out/ removed to at least 300mm below ground level to help reduce the risk of the stumps harbouring decay fungi which could infect nearby trees.

Notes:

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

Other than the removal of dead wood lime trees should preferably be pruned in late July and August or alternatively in the autumn months. Avoid pruning from the end of January onwards, as the bleeding of sap may be a problem.

Magnolias should be trimmed in late July, to avoid heavy bleeding of sap, yet allow time for wounds to start healing before winter. Sometimes works can not be carried out at the

ideal time due to the presence of nesting birds which are protected by law.

Major pruning works to yews should be carried out in May, although minor trimming works may be carried out in August or September. Sometimes works can not be carried out at the ideal time due to the presence of nesting birds which are protected by law.

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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