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

Reference: H08-0864-24 **Date of Decision:** 18th November 2024
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 carry out works to trees within the grounds of 2 Salem Street. Please see the sketch plan which accompanies the Notification.

In the words of the 'Applicant':

'Tree 1 is a yew which is now touching the house and neighbours telephone line. I would like to reduce the size by 1-1.5 metres to the sides and rear of the tree, with a light pruning to the top. This should leave the tree with a pleasant rounded crown and reduce its need for large roots which could damage the house.

Tree 2 Ornamental Cherry.' (Description amended following site visit by Trees and Nature Conservation Officer on 31/10/24).

'Remove low over-hanging branch, over driveway.

Tree 3 is a Laurel. Due to it's proximity to the house, I would like to remove about a metre all round. This would still leave a lot of tree for new growth to appear and help keep root growth to a minimum and allow more light to reach the house in the mornings.'

(Tree 4 is a Silver Birch, which is outside of the Conservation Area. The selective reduction of this

tree was discussed, to improve safety and to achieve a more balanced crown; paying particular attention to the removal of branches encroaching on the neighbouring garage.)

'Lastly, the small crosses near the front gate on the document 1 represent old dead tree trunks which I would like to remove as they are rather unsightly.'

South Holland District Council has considered the proposal and has no objections, subject to any recommendation set out below;

- 1 Work is to be carried out in accordance with BSI 3998 : 2010, 'Recommendations for Tree Work'.
- 2 That the proposed work is carried out within two years of the date of this letter of 'No Objection'.

Notes:

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

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. (If pruned out of season, avoid frosty weather.)

Pruning works to species of *Prunus* (cherry/plum), should be carried out after flowering but before mid-July to help prevent infection by the fungus known as silver leaf. There may be pruning compounds available to paint on wounds to help prevent silver leaf if essential to prune out of season.

Take care when pruning common laurel, as cut leaves give off hydrogen cyanide. When hard pruning is required, common laurel should be pruned in spring and early summer. 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.

Silver birches should be pruned in late summer and autumn as bleeding of sap from pruning works can be a problem at other times of the year.

Both yew and laurel trees are moderate water demand species.

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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