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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
WORKS TO A PRESERVED TREE

Reference: H08-0920-25 **Date of Decision:** 4th November 2025

Applicant: Gosberton Parish Council
Nelson'S Cottage
Clough Road
Gosberton Clough
Spalding
PE11 4JN

Location: Gosberton Playing Field High Street Gosberton

Description: Works to Gosberton Tree Preservation Order No 1 1957

Detailed Description:

Application to carry out works to trees within the grounds of Gosberton Playing Field, High Street.

The trees are within Gosberton Conservation Area and most are subject to Gosberton Tree Preservation Order No. 1 1957.

Reference numbers are as in the plan accompanying the Tree Condition Report dated 31st July 2025.

'Following a tree survey in July 2025 the following works are recommended, see attached map for tree locations.
T5, Sycamore 16m tall, 110cm stem diameter, extensively hollow with 10cm-15cm sound wood remaining. Propose reduce height by 2m and spread by 2m in all directions.
T6, Lime tree, 14m tall, 60cm stem diameter, has lost large limb at base and has multiple further forks with included bark. Propose pollard to 1.5m.
T12, Ash 16m tall, 120cm stem diameter, leaning over High Street, new Inonotus hispidus fungus on stem at 7m, propose reduce central stem with fungus by 5m.
T13, Oak 16m tall, 100cm stem diameter, extensively hollow with 13cm to 16cm sound wood remaining, propose reduce height by 3m.'

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(T5 Sycamore above is identified as T19 of Order.
T12 Ash above is identified as T13 of Order.
T13 Oak above is identified as T14 of Order.)

South Holland District Council hereby give notice that permission has been GRANTED (or equivalent) subject to the following condition(s):

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'.

Notes:

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

Please read 'Conditions' as 'Recommendations' for the lime tree which is within the Conservation Area but not the subject of a Tree Preservation Order.

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.

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.

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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RIGHTS 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 PiNS within 28 days of the Council's decision. The appeal should be made on the relevant TPO (consents) appeal form which can be obtained from PiNS. The form can be found on the Planning Portal website at:

https://www.gov.uk/appeal-decision-about-tree-order

Alternatively a form can be obtained by writing to Environment Appeals, Room 3A Eagle Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Bristol, BS1 6PN or telephone on 0303 444 5000.

If you visit the Planning Portal web site you will be able to complete the appeal form and return it to PiNS electronically via the email address:

treeandhedgeappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk