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Application for Works to a Protected Tree(s)

Dear Sir/madam,

REFERENCE: **H09-0202-15**

DESCRIPTION: Application for works to trees on the frontage of 7 Dam Gate, which are within Group One of Holbeach TPO No.2,1959.
1.Oak and beech adjacent to the entrance driveway.
a.Crown lift over driveway to give clearance to delivery vans and overhead cables.
b.Crown lift over garden to give 2.0 metres clearance.
2.Oak adjacent to entrance driveway.
Two pendulous branches on the eastern side of the tree.
a. Northern branch, prune (to an existing growth point)leaving approximately 0.75 centimetres from the upper 'V', which will remove the really pendulous part of the branch and the cracked one.
b. Other pendulous branch to the south of the previous one, cut back to about 1.0 metre from divide at the top part of the branch, to an existing growth point.
3. Lime tree on southern boundary belonging to neighbour.
a. Prune epicormic growth from the base.
4. Lime tree immediately adjacent to the road; infected with the decay fungi Kretzschmaria deusta at the base, contains a cavity in the trunk likely to be used by wildlife. Depending on wildlife present:
a. Prune to above the cavity to leave some of the lowest branches, yet make the tree less likely to be blown over in strong winds.
(keep for the remainder of the year and put some nest boxes on nearby trees to compensate for the future removal of the tree).
Next year:
b. Remove tree and grind out the stump to help to control the spread of decay fungi to nearby healthy trees.
5. Beech, south-eastern most.
a. Minor tip pruning of up to 2.0 metres to existing growth points to give clearance to a young beech tree.
(6.Remove any dead wood from all trees.)

LOCATION: 7 Dam Gate Holbeach Spalding

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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'.

3 The resulting stump of the lime tree 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 stump harbouring decay fungi which could infect nearby trees.

Please Note

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.

In this case the duty of the landowner is to plant another tree, of an appropriate size and *species, at the same place and as soon as reasonably possible.*

It is recommended that the lime tree is replaced with a further lime of at least 1.5 metres high 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.

Please note that the removal of dead wood can be carried out without the need to submit a formal application for works. The removal of dead wood is included in the description for completeness.

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.

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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