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11th May 2015

Application for Works to a Protected Tree(s)

Dear Sir/madam,

REFERENCE: ***H09-0271-15***

DESCRIPTION: Application to remove a lime tree situated within Group Two of Holbeach Tree Preservation Order No 4 1971. The tree is located in the front garden of 1 lime Grove, Holbeach.

An arboricultural report enclosed with the application indicated 'that there is likely to be an extensive cavity extending down into the trunk from the main fork' A metal probe could be pushed 'down to a depth of 600mm and it is highly likely that the cavity extends further down. Additional probing of the inside walls of the cavity indicated decay into the stems. Sounding with a mallet highlighted further areas on the main trunk that are likely to be decayed'
'The weak point is at approximately 3.5 m at the main fork where several stems form, possibly from historical pollarding or stem loss. The resulting main stems angle away from each other to form a tall heavy crown. This structure leads to high tension at the junctions of the stems and therefore any progressive weakening of the internal wood can lead to failure at the forks'

LOCATION: 1 Lime Grove Holbeach Spalding

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 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.

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 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.

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.

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