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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 WORKS TO A PRESERVED TREE

Reference: H09-0330-21 **Date of Decision:** 25th May 2021
Applicant: William Stukeley C of E Primary School
Spalding Road
Holbeach
Spalding
PE12 7HG
Location: William Stukeley C Of E Primary School Spalding Road Holbeach Spalding
Description: Works to Holbeach Tree Preservation Order No 10 1986

Detailed Description:

Application to carry out works to trees within the grounds of the William Stukeley Church of England Primary School.

The trees are within Area One of Holbeach Tree Preservation Order No 10 1986 and are also within Holbeach Conservation Area.

Please see the plan accompanying the application/ Tree survey for the position of the trees.

'Tree 3, Tag 923, Ivy covered tree near wall.' (Possibly a pear) 'Heavily ivy covered tree pushing on wall. Fell.

Tag 924, Apple. Dead branches throughout canopy, ivy covered. Cut ivy crown reduce to 5m and remove major dead wood.

Tag 525, Elder. Pushing against wall heavy lean over neighbours, ivy covered. Fell.

Tag 927, Group. Ash, horse chestnut, elder, apple, and sycamore. Ivy on some stems' and 'some minor hanging branches, poorly cut pruning wounds from previous fallen dead apple stem. Cut ivy on all trees remove hanging branches cutback old pruning wounds in line with best practice, remove elder stems.

Tree 8 Tag 928, Plum. Identified red fungal fruiting body believed to be *Ganoderma lucidium* on

stem at base. Structurally poor unions throughout crown. Previously lost limbs with associated tear wounds on main stem.

Crown reduce by 50% and cut ivy.' (On inspection 14/05/21 half of tree found to be almost dead. Remove this part to leave a standing stump which may re-grow, prune other half as specified).

'Tag 931, Silver birch Phytophthora on stem, dieback in upper crown. Fell.

Tag 932, Silver birch. Included union at 0.5m to 1.5m seepage on stem. Fell.

Tag 933, Ash. Fungal fruiting body Pholiota on buttresses at base on north side. Branch heading south has a large wound on upper side of branch stretching 2 m from fork with signs of decay. Inonotus hispidus on limb playground side with woodpecker holes beneath. Pollard at 8 m to retain.

Tag 934, Oak. Minor deadwood throughout crown, low branches over field and football area. Remove deadwood crown lift to give 4m clearance.

Tag 935, Oak. Minor deadwood throughout the crown. Low branches over field and football area, included union with potential bark to bark contact at 4m. Crown reduce by 50% or fell in favour of adjacent oak and walnut tree.

Tag 936, Oak. Large limb removed on east side, Ganoderma on main stem associated with the limb removal. Decay evident when sounded on eastern side. Previously reduced with extensive regrowth all weighted west side. Continue veteranisation by reducing further 6m below previous reduction points.

Tag 938, Pear. One stem fell when touched, remaining stems sound compromised when hit with hammer. Ivy covered, fell.

Tag 940, Sycamore. Hanging branch over path lower limbs over path with extensive decay at unions.

Remove first two lower limbs over path with open cavity's and remove hanging branch.

Tag 941, Sycamore. Branch from neighbouring tree causing large rubbing wound. Fell to prevent future issues with wound fence and building.'

- 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 stumps of the trees 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 stumps from harbouring decay fungi which could infect nearby trees. Take care not to damage the roots of adjacent trees.

Notes:

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

It may be advisable to obtain advice regarding the potential effect that the removal of the trees could have on nearby built structures.

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.

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.

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.

In this case the duty of the landowner would normally be to plant another tree, of an appropriate size and species, at the same place and as soon as reasonably possible. In this instance this requirement will not apply, due to those trees, which are proposed to be removed being so close to a wall, or other trees. The planting of replacement trees elsewhere on site is supported.

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. Many of the trees are ivy covered and are likely to contain bird nest. Most birds nest between the months of mid- February and the end of August (Second brood blackbirds can be as late as September); thorough inspections must be made prior to works commencing.

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:

www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/appeals/otherappealcasework/treepreservation

Alternatively a form can be obtained by writing to The Environment Team, Room 3/25 Hawk Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Bristol, BS1 6PN or telephone on 0117 3728192

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:

environment.appeals@pins.gsi.gov.uk