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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
WORKS TO A PRESERVED TREE

Reference: H09-0645-25 **Date of Decision:** 27th August 2025

Applicant: Mr P Bellamy
William Stukeley C Of E Primary School
Spalding Road
Holbeach
Lincs
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 the trees in the grounds of the William Stukeley C of E Primary School.

Much of the grounds are within Holbeach Conservation Area and most of the trees are the subject of Holbeach Tree Preservation Order No 10 1986.

Please see the plan accompanying the Tree Safety Survey for the position of the trees, which are allocated numbers.

'921 Sycamore Cut ivy off stem at the base and where it is bridging from the wall and reinspect stem once ivy has died.

933 Ash Resistograph at base to monitor extent of decay from fungal fruiting bodies (FFB), reduce tree regrowth to previous pollard points.

934 Oak Raise crown to give 2.5 m clearance. Remove minor hanging dead branch.

936 Oak Targeted reduction of thicker limbs with poor attachment unions in upper canopy promoting the smaller regrowth which should be retained. Inspection of main fork using climber to load the dead stem.

Limit the use of the area beneath the tree by allowing wildflower to grow. This will also reduce compaction strain on the root system of the tree. Resistograph main stem to determine extent of decay.

940 Sycamore Remove deadwood over grass area.

946 Ash Fell and replace.

947 Ornamental plum Fell and replace.

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949 Yew Crown raise to give 2.5 m clearance of ground .

950 Yew Crown raise to give 2.5 m clearance of ground and crown reduce by 30% to improve shape.

951 Walnut Crown raise to give 2.5 m clearance.

952 Apple Fell.

953 Apple Reduce to 2 meters to retain.

954 Contorted willow Remove heavy limb over playground.

955 Oak Raise crown by lifting secondary branches beneath, crown clean.

956 Contorted willow Manage as a pollard at 2.5 m.

957 Silver birch Fell.

958 Oak Remove major deadwood, internal decay detection at base and report on findings, reduce limb heading east with dead bark by removing dead stub by approximately 1.5 m to suitable growth point.

959 Sycamore Crown raise to 4.5 m to give more light to footpath and clear away from building.

960 Silver birch Cut Ivy and reinspect.

Group Yew x 3 Holly x 1 Crown raise to give 3.5 m clearance of path.'

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'.

3 The resulting stumps of the trees to be completely removed 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 harbouring decay fungi which could infect nearby trees.

Notes:

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

Please note that the removal of ivy can be carried out without the need to submit an Application or Notification for proposed works. Please take care not to cut into the bark of the tree when removing ivy.

Please take due regard of any Protected Species under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) which may be present such as nesting birds or roosting bats.

With beech and other species with smooth or thin bark, only remove dense ivy cover gradually avoiding exposure just before the late spring and summer months, as the sudden exposure can cause a sun burn effect, causing bark to crack, thus leaving the tree vulnerable to infection by fungi.

Please note that the removal of dead wood can be carried out without the need to submit a formal written application for works. All works to British Standard 3998 2010 and due regard taken of any Protected Species under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) which may be present. The removal of dead wood is included in the description for completeness.

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.

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.

Walnut trees should only be pruned in late July and early August when they are in full leaf.If they are holding their leaves well they may be pruned into September and exceptionally into October. If pruned at other times of the year, a walnut tree is likely to bleed sap profusely which could be detrimental to its health.

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 two ornamental plums are replaced with species of ornamental Prunus of at least 1.5 metres high on planting, the ash tree to be replaced with a small to medium growing deciduous tree which has features of particular interest, such as an Acer griseum or Alnus incana 'Aurea' of at least 1.5 metres high on planting as near as

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reasonably practicable, to the position of the original trees, 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 trees. Section 207 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 empowers this Authority to issue a Notice formally requiring replacement trees to be planted.

It is strongly recommended that the newly planted trees are provided with appropriate tree guards for their positions and that they are regularly watered in dry periods for AT LEAST the first two years from planting, to enable them to take advantage of the long day light hours of spring and summer to get their roots re-established rather than struggling to survive under the hot sun.

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