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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 TREE WORKS IN A CONSERVATION AREA

Reference: H09-0786-25 **Date of Decision:** 25th September 2025

Applicant: Lincolnshire County Council
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Location: Holbeach Youth Centre Boston Road South Holbeach Spalding

Description: Works to Trees in Holbeach Conservation Area

Detailed Description:

Application to carry out works to trees at Holbeach Youth Centre. Please see the plan which accompanies the Application for the position of the trees, also the tree survey.

'A062509001 - Ash tree - Pollard as requested following tree survey' (Tree survey recommended a 'Pollard to approx 7 m to mitigate risk.') '- 10 cm area of bark damage at base towards North. Stem bulge at 1.5 m North consistent with area of internal decay although sounding with mallet indicates little hollowness. Limb towards Southwest at 8 m has areas of decay and branch fracture. Upper crown showing signs of decline.

A062510001 - Yew - removal as requested following tree survey- Bifurcates at 0.5 m. Deadwood previously removed. Crown biased towards North due to proximity of building. Minor dieback.'

South Holland District Council has considered the proposal and has no objections, subject to any recommendation set out below;

- 1 That the proposed work is carried out within two years of the date of this letter of 'No Objection'.
- 2 Work is to be carried out in accordance with BSI 3998 : 2010, 'Recommendations for Tree

Work'.

- 3 The resulting stump of the yew tree should be ground out/removed to at least 300mm below ground level, to help reduce the risk of the stump harbouring decay fungi which could infect nearby trees. (Take care not to damage the roots of any adjacent trees in the process.)

Notes:

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

Every effort should be given to leave as much shape as is possible to the ash tree when it is pollarded, it is a very noticeable tree in the street scene, and some retention of its amenity value would be an asset.

Presumably the arboriculturalist will have had regard to the potential effect that the removal of the yew tree could have on nearby built structures.

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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