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

Reference: H09-1020-21 **Date of Decision:** 9th November 2021
Applicant: Lincolnshire County Council
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Location: William Stukeley C Of E Primary School Spalding Road Holbeach Spalding
Description: Works to Trees in Holbeach Conservation Area

Detailed Description:

Works to trees in the grounds of the former Stukeley Hall .

Many of the trees are located within Area One of Holbeach Preservation Order No.10 1986. Most of the trees are within Holbeach Conservation Area.

Please see the plan accompanying the Application for the position of the trees.

'1 and 2 Sallow - Multi - stemmed trees in moderate condition near phone lines - Re-pollard at 0.5-1 m.

3 and 4 sallow - Multi - stemmed trees in moderate condition under phone lines - Re-pollard at 0.5-1 m.

5 Oak - Tree in moderate condition, over hanging branches (OHB's) to drive, ivy on stem. Prune back to drive edge/ fence to clear drive to 3-4m, sever ivy.

6 Sorbus species - 2 trees in moderate condition, OHB's to phone wires, ivy on stems. Prune back to clear phone lines by 1-2 m, sever ivy, clear vegetation back to fence line.

7 Mixed - Group of multi-stemmed and self-set trees with overgrown shrubs along car park entrance

and drive area , OHB's and encroachment to driveway. Remove Laurel - behind neighbour - and small self-set Sycamore and Ash, cut vegetation back to drive edge, Mahonia can be reduced to approx.1m if an issue, prune Birch trees near the parking bay to clear to 3-4 m, sever ivy on bigger stems.

10 Mixed - Large group of trees growing along the western boundary area, moderate condition, minor deadwood, ivy on some stems. Sever ivy.

11 Sycamore - multi stemmed tree in moderate condition, some epicormic growth, self-set Elder at base. Remove epicormics and Elder to clean stems.

12 Plane - 6 trees near the drive, in moderate condition, OHB's to light and driveway. Prune back overhanging branches from light to clear by 1-2m, crown lift all trees to clear drive by 5-6m and back to the kerb-line.

14 Yew - Group of trees growing near wall, in moderate condition, minor dead wood, OHB's to bus shelter. Prune back all to clear bus shelter by approx. 1m.

16 Mixed - large group of trees growing in the northern area of the park and near the wall, in moderate condition, minor deadwood, some ivy clad stems, overhanging branches and vegetation to footpath, landscape and conservation benefits. Sever ivy on biggest stems, cut back OHB's to inside the wall and to give 3-4m of clearance to path.

16A sycamore - Tree appears to be in moderate condition; some deadwood at top of crown, old stem cavities. Remove dead wood in crown.

17 Hawthorn - Fallen and hung up tree over footpath. Make safe clear of path - could be allowed to regrow from main stem.

18 Lime - Old coppice tree with several stems, recently coppiced and responding well, growing with area of self-set Elders and unmanaged vegetation. Monitor elder encroachment.

19 Hornbeam -Tree growing opposite garage, in moderate condition, ivy on stem, OHB's close to light , road sign and footpath. Prune back to main stem to clear all, ensure clear of path by 3-4m.

20 Mixed - Group of multi-stemmed Elm grown up from suckers next to the wall, self-set Elders, ivy on stems and wall, some OHB's to footpath, minor deadwood. Prune to ensure phone lines and path are clear.

21 Yew - Tree in moderate condition, ivy on stem, minor deadwood, OHB's to electric box, phone line. Sever ivy, prune OHB's back to clear all by 1-2 m.

22 Cupressus species - Group of 5 trees along electric sub-station boundary, had recent stem failures, OHB's to sub-station. Reduce all by 6-7m to leave approx. 4m high, to reduce risk of failures.

24 Mixed - Group of trees including specimen conifers, in moderate condition, minor dead wood , ivy on some stems, OHB's to path. Lightly prune where required to clear footpath.

25 Ash - Tree in moderate condition, possibly been struck by lightening in past as stem damage and

areas of decay down one side, some deadwood, possible early Ash dieback disease. Monitor.

26A Elder - Self-set tree next to wall, now pushing against it. Fell and treat stump.

27 Sycamore - Specimen tree growing on or through soil bank, appears to be in moderate condition: stem cavity at 2m and old stub cavities, some ivy on stem and epicormic growth, low target dead wood, conservation and landscape value, possible bat roost site. Remove epicormic and ivy to clean stem.

29A Sallow - Multi-stemmed tree next to school fence, will become an issue. Coppice stems.

30 Mixed - Scattered group of trees, including those along the school fence area, in moderate condition, minor deadwood, ivy on stems. Sever ivy on trees.

(33 Laurel Section of hedge in lawn, causing visibility issues to driveway. Remove section of hedge - approx. 4m.)

36 Weeping willow - Tree in moderate condition, has been pollarded in past, soil compaction; foliage appears a bit 'thin', some low target deadwood, old failure scars, possible bat roost site. Spread woodchip from tree work around root plate.

37 Sycamore - Group of trees near the school access and security fence, in moderate condition, probably mainly self-set trees with Yew and some Elders and shrubs, OHB's to path, fence and gate, ivy on stems.

Crown lift Sycamore to 4m, sever ivy, cut all vegetation back to path edge, prune other trees and shrubs to 'open up' footpaths and entrance - including on triangle between gate and drive.

38 Mixed - Group of trees and shrubs between the drive and neighbour, in moderate condition, some low branches to driveway and neighbour, ivy on stems, encroaching vegetation. Sever ivy on biggest stems, cut back OHB's to the fence line to clear neighbour, clear vegetation next to fence to leave an access strip, and prune to give 3-4m of clearance to drive.

39 Mixed - Group of trees - including Birch, Sallow and self-set Ash and shrubs, growing near the footpath and gate/ fence, ivy clad stems, OHB's to path and fence.

Pollard Sallow at 1m, crown lift other trees to clean stems, sever ivy on stems, prune back other vegetation/ shrubs to clear school fence, path and parking bay.

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 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 removed should be ground out/ removed 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:

Please read the points above relating to preserved trees as 'Conditions' and for those trees within the Conservation Area but not covered by the Order as 'Recommendations'.

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

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 ideally be carried out in May, although minor trimming works may be carried out in August or September. Please beware of nesting birds which may result in the proposed works requiring postponement.

Conifers such as Leyland cypress should ideally only be heavily pruned (or topped) in July. The optimum time for annual trimming works is between July and August. Works in the late autumn, winter and early spring months should be avoided. Please beware of nesting birds, which may result in the proposed works requiring postponement.

Where trees are removed due to them being dead, dying or dangerous, 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.

(Please note that in the vicinity of the '17' written on the plan accompanying the application and the collapsed yew tree near the gateway, a single stem replacement lime sapling is growing. Please ensure that this is kept cleared around and provided with an appropriate protective shelter which will make it clear to see and protect it against any potential vole damage.)

It is recommended that should '17' the hawthorn tree not naturally regrow to replace that which is to be removed, that a replacement hawthorn is planted of at least 1.5 metres in height on planting as near as reasonably practicable to the position of the original tree within a period of three years.

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 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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