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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
WORKS TO A PRESERVED TREE

Reference: H09-1052-15 **Date of Decision:** 18th December 2015

Applicant: Foysters Transplants
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Location: The Vicarage Church Walk Holbeach Spalding

Description: Works to Holbeach TPO No. 32, 2011

Detailed Description:

Proposed works to trees at the Old Vicarage, Church Walk, Holbeach. The grounds of the Old Vicarage, Holbeach are within Holbeach Conservation Area, some of the trees are the subject of Holbeach Tree Preservation Order No. 32 2011.
Identification numbers/letters refer to Plan Two, which was submitted as part of the application/notification, a copy can be viewed on the South Holland District Council website: www.sholland.gov.uk under the application reference number.

Proposed works:

T5 Mature oak.(Tree subject of a Tree Preservation Order, identified as T5).
Two large branches have recently fallen and further breakages are likely.

Remove top one third of the tree and shorten lateral boughs to reduce weight, thus preventing possible additional cracks close to the main trunk. Tidy area of existing breaks.

T9 Mature lime.(Tree subject of a Tree Preservation Order, identified as T9).
Has been pollarded in the past and the new growth is very tall and not strong. It represents a threat to nearby dwellings.

Pollard tree close to the area where work was last done. The exact height to be determined by closer inspection when work starts.

Trees in area A.
3 holly trees, possibly all growing from a much older stool. The trees are very near to the old coach house and could damage the building if left.
They hang over the road causing complaints from County Highways.

Fell at ground level. Allow limited regrowth from remaining stool.

Trees in area B.
Chamaecyparis lawsoniana. Very close to main house and an existing wall. These fast growing trees add little, they will damage the structure of the house if left unattended.

Preferred option, to fell and remove.
Alternatively to cut to 2 metres and attempt to maintain as hedge.

Tree in area C.
An unspecified genus of Prunus,(cherry) possibly Kanzan.

Quite large but immature, set in a circular bed in the middle of the drive. It will quickly get much bigger.

Fell, remove and replace with a smaller and slower growing tree. Possibly a variety of pine.

Various trees in area D.
Trees overhanging the public footpath and Church Walk.

No removal or substantial pruning except for light shaping and cutting back overhang.

2 holly trees in area E.
These lean badly and are unsafe.

Fell one, the worst, at ground level and leave stool to re-grow.
Cut second at about two metres and allow to re-grow.

Hazel throughout the garden.
There are numerous stands, self sown, all over the garden.
Remove all small saplings.

Coppice existing mature stands, leaving stools to regrow. This work could be done once the majority of the regrowth reaches a minimum of 1 inch (2.54cm) in diameter, one third of the stools to be coppiced at a time. It would then be an on-going process. (Trees subject of a Tree Preservation Order, identified within G1).

Dead wood.
All dead wood should be removed to prevent disease.

Ivy.
There is heavy growth of ivy throughout the garden, some climbing trees. This badly needs

controlling or it will damage all trees and even masonry.

South Holland District Council hereby give notice that this application 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 The consent for coppicing the hazel in rotation is valid for six years from the date of this decision notice to allow for several coppice cycles.

3 Work is to be carried out in accordance with BSI 3998 : 2010, 'Recommendations for Tree Work'.

4 Any stumps not left for regrowth should be removed/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 read conditions as recommendations, for those trees within the Conservation Area but not the subject to a Tree Preservation Order.

Please note that the removal of dead wood can be carried out without the need to submit a formal application for works. The removal of dead wood is included in the description for completeness.

Other than the removal of dead wood lime trees should preferably be pruned in late July and August or alternatively in the autumn months. Avoid pruning from the end of January onwards, as the bleeding of sap may be a problem.

Holly should ideally be trimmed in August. (Please note, the major cutting back of a hedge is best spread over two to three years).

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.



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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 adn return it to PiNS electronically via the email address:

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