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

Reference: H09-1093-17 **Date of Decision:** 18th December 2017

Applicant: Mrs S Pogson
Serpentine House
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Location: Serpentine House 30 Barrington Gate Holbeach Lincs

Description: Works to trees in Holbeach Conservation Area

Detailed Description:

Notification of proposed tree works in the grounds of Serpentine House, 30 Barrington Gate, Holbeach.
Please see the plan which accompanies the notification for the position of the trees.

SILVER BIRCH 1 REMOVAL

THIS TREE IS LEANING OVER SERVICE CABLES, IT HAS SELF-SEEDED AND WE ARE NOT PLANNING TO REPLACE IT AS ITS ROOTS ARE INTERFERING WITH THE DRAINAGE AND WATER SERVICES.

WHITE POPLAR 2 REMOVAL

AN OLD DAMAGED TREE WITH BARK MISSING ON A MAJOR LIMB AND SCARRING, IT IS VERY CLOSE TO THE ROAD AND PAVEMENT AND IS DANGEROUS. TO EVEN OUT THE WEIGHT RATIO WOULD LEAVE A STUMP WHICH IS UNLIKELY TO RECOVER

We propose replacement with a tree in consultation with the Tree Officer that will be planted further into the property to prevent future problems of a tree growing right next to the road.

ASH 3 REMOVAL

AN OLD AND VERY DAMAGED TREE, THE LIMBS OF WHICH HAVE DROPPED ONTO THE ROAD AND PAVEMENT COUNTLESS TIMES OVER THE PAST MONTHS. THIS DOES NOT LOOK LIKE IT WILL RECOVER SO REMOVAL IS NECESSARY AS IT IS DANGEROUS.

We propose replacement with a tree in consultation with the Tree Officer that will be planted further into the property to prevent future problems of a tree growing right next to the road.

CHERRY TREE 4 REDUCE BY 30%

REDUCE HEIGHT TO MINIMISE IMPACT ON NEIGHBOURS AS IT IS CUTTING DOWN LIGHT INTO THEIR PROPERTY AND CONTROL GROWTH AS THERE IS SOME ROT IN THE MIDDLE

SILVER BIRCH 5 REMOVAL

REMOVE THE SILVER BIRCH SMALL COPSE AS IT HAS COMPLETELY GROWN OVER AN ORIGINAL TREE STUMP AND MANY ROOTS ARE ABOVE GROUND EXPOSING THE ROOTS. THE ORIGINAL TREE STUMP IS NOW ROTTING MAKING THIS COPSE DANGEROUS. IT IS LEANING HEAVILY TOWARDS HOUSE AND IS DEEMED UNSAFE.

INDIAN BEAN 6 REMOVAL

UNFORTUNATELY THIS TREE HAS SUFFERED QUITE BADLY OVER THE PAST 15 YEARS, WITH JOINTS SPLITTING AND HAS BEEN CHAINED TOGETHER FOR THE PAST 10 YEARS. DUE TO HEAVY WINDS DURING THE AUTUMN IT IS NOW LEANING AND ROOTS ARE PULLING UP THROUGH THE GRASS. THE CANOPY IS VERY HEAVY ON ONE SIDE AND NO AMOUNT OF POLLARDING IS GOING TO SAVE THE TREE DUE TO EXISTING DAMAGE.

We propose replacement with a tree in consultation with the Tree Officer that will be planted in the same general area within the garden.

POPLARS 7, 8 & 9 REDUCE BY APPROX 30%

THESE ARE VERY TALL TREES (OVER 100 ft) WHICH NEED TO BE ATTENDED TO AS HAVE SUFFERED WITH A LOT OF WOODPECKER DAMAGE AND ROT TO THEIR TOPS. THERE ARE VERY LARGE BRANCHES FALLING AS A CONSEQUENCE, AND THE TREES ARE ADJACENT TO OUR NEIGHBOURS LARGE GLASS ORANGERY AND HE IS VERY WORRIED ABOUT DROPPING BRANCHES. WE WOULD LIKE TO MAKE THE THREE TREES AN EQUAL MANAGEABLE HEIGHT AND SAFE.

POPLAR 10 REMOVAL

THIS IS AN 8 ft STUMP OF A TREE ON OUR PROPERTY BORDER WHICH SNAPPED DUE TO HIGH WIND DAMAGE IN 2015. MORE DAMAGE HAS ENSUED AND THE REMAINING TREE NEEDS TO BE REMOVED AS REMAINING LIMBS ARE FALLING ON OUR SHED

WILLOW 11 POLLARDING

THIS IS AN EXTREMELY OLD AND VERY LARGE WILLOW TREE. THERE ARE EXTENSIVE AREAS OF ROT DAMAGE DUE TO THE TREE'S AGE, WOODWORM AND ALSO WOODPECKER DAMAGE. IT HAS BEEN POLLARDED PREVIOUSLY (OVER 15 YEARS AGO) BUT NOT PROFESSIONALLY AND NEEDS URGENT ATTENTION AS IS DANGEROUS AND LARGE BRANCHES KEEP SNAPPING OFF. WE HAVE ALSO RECEIVED COMPLAINTS FROM OUR NEIGHBOURS AS THE WILLOW IS BLOCKING ANY LIGHT INTO THEIR GARDEN.

CHERRY TREE 12 REDUCE BY 30%

THIS IS A VERY LARGE OLD TREE AND NEEDS MAINTENANCE TO KEEP HEALTHY. REDUCING THE HEIGHT WILL HELP AS THERE IS SOME ROT IN THE CENTRE. WE HAVE ALSO RECEIVED COMPLAINTS FROM OUR NEIGHBOURS DUE TO THE TREES BLOCKING THEIR LIGHT.

WHITE BEAM 13 & 14 REDUCE BY 20%

WE WOULD LIKE TO REDUCE THESE TREES BY 20% FOR THEIR HEALTH AND MAINTENANCE AND TO KEEP THEM A MANAGEABLE SIZE. THEY ARE ALSO LEANING OVER OUR NEIGHBOURS PROPERTY AND WE HAVE RECEIVED COMPLAINTS OF THEM BLOCKING LIGHT.

WE ALSO HAVE A NUMBER OF OLD TREE STUMPS WHICH WE WOULDLIKE TO TAKE THE OPPORTUNITY OF REMOVING AT THE SAME TIME AS THIS TREE WORK. THE TREE OFFICER AGREED THAT THIS WAS POSSIBLE AS THE MACHINERY IS ON SITE AND THE STUMPS ARE ROTTING AND ENCOURAGING THE GROWTH OF UNWANTED FUNGI WHICH IS DETRIMENTAL TO OUR EXISITING TREES.

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 stumps of the trees should be ground out to at least 300mm below ground level 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.

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

Poplar trees are prone to bleeding of sap if cut during January and through the spring months and therefore works on them at this time are best avoided.

Pruning works to species of Prunus (cherry/plum) should be carried out after flowering but before mid-July, to help prevent them becoming infected with the fungus known as silver leaf.

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 to replace those removed.

It is recommended that in general the trees are replaced with the same species as the originals; to be of at least 1.5 metres high on planting. It is suggested that an Indian bean tree is planted; but the white poplar is exchanged for a whitebeam, poplars are high water demand trees, whitebeams moderate water demand ; and if the restrictions in the movement of ash trees is still on when replanting is due, it is suggested planting a tulip tree instead of the ash. All trees to be located as near as reasonably practicable to the position of the original trees and planted within a period of twelve months.

Modifications may be agreed with the Local Planning Authority.

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.

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.
Some of the trees to be removed and pruned have faults in them which could be ideal for bats to live in, these should be surveyed prior to works commencing.



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