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

Reference: H11-0066-17 **Date of Decision:** 6th March 2017

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Location: 2 London Road Long Sutton Spalding Lincs

Description: Works to tree in Long Sutton Conservation Area

Detailed Description:

Notification of works to a large mature sycamore (*Acer pseudoplatanus*) in the rear garden of 2 London Road, Long Sutton.

The owner of 2 London Road, is concerned with regard to the recent condition of the tree:

'The tree is shedding branches to the ground (typically 75-100mm diameter) with hanging debris in the crown'.

'The tree has historically been pollarded and resultant re-growth has been uneven, leading to a pronounced lean over the boundary with 6 London Road'.

'For the first time this year there is evidence of honey fungus close to the base of the tree'.

When inspected a heavily decayed *Polyporus squamatus* fungi fruiting body was found detached at the base of the tree.

An 'Arborist has advised pollarding again to re-establish shape and integrity, followed by an agreed management plan to ensure future regrowth is desirable'.

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'.

Notes:

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

Ideally, 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.

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.



**Paul Jackson
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