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

Reference: H11-0073-23 **Date of Decision:** 20th March 2023

Applicant: Long Sutton Parish Council
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Location: Long Sutton Churchyard London Road Long Sutton Spalding

Description: Works to Trees in Long Sutton Conservation Area

Detailed Description:

Notification to carry out works to trees within Long Sutton Churchyard. Please see sketch plan and Photographs which accompanied the Notification.

Additional information has been added to the description following a site visit with the Parish Clerk on 14th March 2023.
Description in Notification:
'Branch overhanging public footpath leading from lychgate on London Road to Market Place going through closed Churchyard. Trees for works / removal adjacent to house on right-side of path,'
'2 x Holly trees require removal of ivy or possible felling' (Please see comments following site visit of 14.03.23) 'adjacent to house near to the public footway from London Road to the Market Place in the Churchyard (closed). Also removal of overhanging branches adjacent to same footway as per attached photographs.'

The site visit of 14th March 2023 clarified the above.
The tree with low branches overhanging the footpath is a large mature London Plane. It requires just the lowest parts of branches which overhang the footpath to be pruned to existing growth points to give clearance.

The trees (not two hollies) adjacent to the house (Sutton House) with ivy cover are:

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a. Hawthorn. Close to the south eastern corner of the house. Suggest sever the ivy when no birds nesting in it. Tree absolutely smothered, resulting in a tree which carries more weight than its structure is designed for. It is suggested that the actual hawthorn could do with a reduction of about a third all round, height and sides, and certainly needs trimming to give clearance to the house.
b. Holly to the west of the hawthorn (a). Sever ivy. It was suggested that the tree be reduced in height to give clearance to the top windows of the adjacent house, the sides then slightly trimmed to balance and tidy its shape.
Ideally major pruning of a holly should be done in stages over a number of years, allowing the tree to adjust.

Management works rather than removal was considered preferable, unless structural defects are visible when the ivy has died back.

Whilst looking at other trees in the Churchyard it was observed that a cherry in the south eastern portion of the Churchyard had a substantial split in its trunk. It is suggested for safety reasons that this tree is felled, and a replacement cherry be planted.

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 any tree which is removed 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.

Notes:

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

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

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.

It is recommended that the cherry tree is replaced with a further cherry 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 twelve months.

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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