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

Reference: H11-0825-26 **Date of Decision:** 12th October 2026

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Location: 36 Market Street Long Sutton Spalding

Description: Works to Trees in Long Sutton Conservation Area

Detailed Description:

Notification carry out works to trees within the garden on the frontage of 36 Market Street.

Please see the plan accompanying the Notification for the location of the trees.

Please note that the pineapple tree referred to in the Notification is in fact a whitebeam tree (Sorbus aria).
(The pineapple tree which grew on the frontage in close proximity to the wall of the house has been reduced to a stump and in September 2026 had a few new shoots sprouting from it.)

'T1 Sorbus aria (Whitebeam). Adjacent to north western frontage of house.

Canopy and branch reduction is needed reduce back from driveway entrance, pavement and the windows of the house to improve balance and light to the building and for the small front garden.

(Selective thinning of re-growth at apex may be beneficial.)

T2 - Prunus species (Cherry). Adjacent to north western frontage of house.

Canopy and branch reduction is needed reduce back from road, pavement and the windows of the house to improve balance and light to the building and for the small front garden.

(Suggest a 2.0 metre clearance from house wall, and the selective removal of crossing branches likely to rub).

T3 Magnolia grandiflora (Evergreen magnolia). Near southern corner of house.

Fell tree because of size and too close to the building (300mm) from the wall face) reducing sunlight and airflow to this part of the building including front window. This has inhibited the natural drying process for managing moisture within a solid-walled property, which has created spalled brickwork and eroded mortar joints in this tree area, as outline in an independent damp report by Martin & Mortimer who are chartered surveyors and building consultants (report attached.)

1-1.5 metre access to the front of the building will also be needed to erect scaffolding to repair the brick and mortar work which has been caused by this tree damage.

We also have concerns regarding the potential structural damage this tree may cause to the house if not felled now, having removed floor boards in the front room by this tree, the ground works are showing significant cracks in the earth which could be caused by the magnolia root system as it is so close to the building.'

'Once all the renovation works that are required to the front of the building have been completed, we will be replanting and landscaping the front garden'.

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 the magnolia tree should be removed as much as possible, 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.

Pruning works to species of Prunus (cherry/plum), should be carried out after flowering but before mid-July to help prevent infection by the fungus known as silver leaf. If essential to prune out of season, source an appropriate pruning compound to apply to all cuts, immediately after pruning.

It may be advisable to obtain the opinion of a qualified arboriculturist regarding the potential effect that the removal of the tree could have on nearby built structures. (Magnolias are low water demand trees and one of the least likely tree species to cause

damage to nearby built structures.).

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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