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

Reference: H11-1259-16 **Date of Decision:** 19th January 2017

Applicant: Miss T Watts
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Location: St Mary'S Churchyard Long Sutton Spalding Lincs

Description: Works to tree in Long Sutton Conservation Area

Detailed Description:

Notification to remove a vigorous ash tree which grows within the church yard of Saint Mary's Church, Long Sutton, close to the south wall in the vicinity of Saint Mary's Church Hall Car Park. 'Pushing over the Churchyard wall which abuts the Church Hall Car Park. The wall is becoming dangerous and in need of repair. The wall will fall unless action is taken'.

South Holland District Council has considered the proposal and has no objections, subject to any recommendation set out below;

1 Although the Local Planning Authority (South Holland District Council) is not in a position to object to the removal of the ash tree in the circumstances, an alternative approach where the tree could be retained if possible and the wall re-aligned would be welcomed. Please see the note by the Conservation Officer.

2 That the proposed work is carried out within two years of the date of this letter of 'No Objection', if it is decided to remove the tree.

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

4 The resulting stump of the tree should ideally 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. It is accepted that his may be difficult due to the close proximity of the wall.

Notes:

Please see the following note by the Local Planning Authority Conservation Officer 'As it stands, the repair of the wall would require its partial dismantling and rebuilding. So notwithstanding that the damage is caused by the tree this is what would be expected. If the tree is to be removed, the wall should be partially dismantled in advance to avoid damaging the bricks themselves. If the tree is to be saved, then the wall should be rebuilt in its new position with the existing bricks, lime mortar and using the same bond. Given the limited length of wall affected this would not require Listed Building Consent as it would be classed as a repair.'

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

In this case the landowner or their representative is to plant another tree, such as an ash (May still be movement restrictions on young ash trees from off site due to ash die back disease, alright if a seedling can be found in the grounds of the church, to be re-located.) as described on the notification form, in an appropriate position nearby as soon as reasonably possible.

Please inform the Local Planning Authority as soon as replanting has taken place and indicate the position of the replacement tree.

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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