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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 WORKS TO A PRESERVED TREE

Reference: H12-0814-21 **Date of Decision:** 24th August 2021

Applicant: Mr A Nell
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Location: Mon Casita 41 Lime Walk Long Sutton Spalding

Description: Works to Lutton Tree Preservation Order No 5 2002

Detailed Description:

Application to carry out works to a walnut tree in the rear garden of Mon Casita, 41 Lime Walk, Long Sutton.

The tree is identified as T1 of Lutton Tree Preservation Order No 5 2002.

Please see the aerial photograph included with the application for the position of the tree. The detailed annotated photographs also included are worth reference before works commence.

'Walnut tree (T1 Lutton TPO No. 5 2002) within rear garden of 41 Lime Walk, Long Sutton, PE12 9HG. The above tree has a crown spread of 10m measuring from trunk to outer radius. We are proposing a reduction of 2.5 meters or 25% of the trees spread paying particular attention to the limb over hanging the neighbour's garage located on the North East side of the tree. This branch has a fault in it from a previous wound and could pose a high risk if the fault was to fatigue. With this particular branch, a reduction of 2m is suggested which is back to existing growth points at the start of the limb.

The branch located to the North West is also a damaged branch that ideally needs to be reduced back to the new shoots below the fault of an old wound. The branches above the aforementioned also need selective thinning as they are very dense.

It is also proposed to crown lift the tree to its previous cut level, which equates to about 2 meters of growth cut back.

A further cause for concern is a central limb that shows presence of the fungus *Inonotus hispidus*. It is suggested that a reduction of branches is made to this limb to reduce the weight on it and hopefully significantly reduce the chances of branch fatigue.

In addition to the above and in general, it is proposed to thin where appropriate but throughout, maintain a balance appearance overall to an aesthetically pleasing example of a walnut tree.'

South Holland District Council hereby give notice that permission has been GRANTED (or equivalent) subject to the following condition(s):

- 1 That the proposed work is carried out within two years of the date of this decision unless otherwise agreed with the District Council.
- 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.

Walnut trees should only be pruned in late July and early August when they are in full leaf. If they are holding their leaves well they may be pruned into September and exceptionally into October. If pruned at other times of the year, a walnut tree is likely to bleed sap profusely which could be detrimental to its health.

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.



Phil Norman
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South Holland District Council

RIGHTS OF APPEAL:

Where an application is made to the Authority for consent and that consent is refused or is granted subject to conditions the applicant, if aggrieved by the decision, may appeal to the Planning Inspectorate (PiNS). Appeals must be received by the PiNS within 28 days of the Council's decision. The appeal should be made on the relevant TPO (consents) appeal form which can be obtained from PiNS. The form can be found on the Planning Portal website at:

www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/appeals/otherappealcasework/treepreservation

Alternatively a form can be obtained by writing to The Environment Team, Room 3/25 Hawk Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Bristol, BS1 6PN or telephone on 0117 3728192

If you visit the Planning Portal web site you will be able to complete the appeal form and return it to PiNS electronically via the email address:

environment.appeals@pins.gsi.gov.uk