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

Reference: H13-0158-26 **Date of Decision:** 24th March 2026
Applicant: Mr C Moore
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Location: Harrington House 2 Broad Lane Moulton Spalding
Description: Works to Trees in Moulton Conservation Area

Detailed Description:

Notification to carry out works to trees in the garden of Harrington House, 2 Broad Lane.

Please see the plan and photographs which accompany the Notification.

'PRUNING AND LOPPING OF TREES

Three trees as follows:

Cherry Plum (T1) about 40 years old, Hawthorn (T2) about 20 years old and a Silver Birch (T3) about 20 years old.

All three trees are growing inside my garden against the garden wall which runs parallel to the south side of Broad Lane.

The Cherry Plum needs pruning to clear out dead wood and overhanging branches.

The Hawthorn and the Silver Birch are both getting tall and spindly and need to be lopped on top to prevent a risk of being uprooted in a gale.

All three trees need to be reduced by about 20% - on top for the Hawthorn and Birch, and general thinning and pruning for the Cherry Plum.

The work will take less than one day, weather permitting.'

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'. (All cuts to be made back to existing growth points.)

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.

Silver birches should be pruned in late summer and autumn as bleeding of sap from pruning works can be a problem at other times of the year. (Normally it is not good practice to top a young silver birch tree. They often respond with vigorous dense growth around the edge of the pruning cuts. Where there was one shoot, they tend to produce multiple shoots which are only weakly attached, and will soon reach the height of the original and require re-pruning before they blow out. Usually topping alters the appearance of the tree from one with graceful light foliage, to one which is more portly and has much denser growth where cut. Sometimes it is better for the tree to be allowed to reach a more mature structure, then selectively reduce to existing growth points to the desired dimensions.)

Can see in this instance why the option of topping is proposed, as so near to a fine listed wall. If topping is carried out, try to take the top back to an existing side shoot, so it can tend to channel its energy into this, rather than immediately producing multiple leaders.

Please note that the removal of dead wood can be carried out without the need to submit a formal written application for works. All works to British Standard 3998 2010 and due regard taken of any Protected Species under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) which may be present. The removal of dead wood is included in the description for completeness.

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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