

For the attention of Diane Fairchild Fenton,
South Holland District Council,
Spalding.

Reference:- Protected Tree Work Form for proposed works at 40 Church Lane, MOULTON,
PE12 6NP.

NOTES:-

Details of works we propose – Removal and replacement of 3 No. ASH Trees, positioned in a 1.5m to 2.0m high hedge adjacent to public footpath.

Numerous branches have been falling off these trees in increasing amounts over the years with this year seeing the most. With the increasing number of pedestrians using the adjacent footpath (many new properties have been built in Church Lane) they are in danger from this increasing number of fallen branches.

Although the trees are now coming into leaf there are many signs of dead and dying branches along with brown patches showing on trunks which could be possible 'Ash Die Back'.

With the trees being close to the public footpath there are now many signs of increasing damage to this footpath, again endangering the public. On previous experience an existing tree that was on site when we built our property in 1991 caused damage to the footpath. Although we asked on several occasions if we could remove this tree, we were told we could not. But then an elderly gentleman on an invalid mobility scooter (complete with oxygen supply) was toppled into the road due to the uneven surface of the footpath. Although this was a Saturday, we were able to contact a Lincolnshire County Councillor who was on Site within an hour. On the Monday the Council gave us permission to remove the tree, which we did, and the next day the Council levelled the footpath.

We feel that these are very serious reasons why this work is necessary and replacement trees are positioned further from the footpath.

Proposed Replacement Trees – Maple/Acer,

11th. MAY 2022.