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

Reference: H14-0079-26 **Date of Decision:** 23rd March 2026
Applicant: Mr L Dighton
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Location: 8 Church Street Pinchbeck Spalding
Description: Works to Trees in Pinchbeck Conservation Area

Detailed Description:

Notification to carry out works to trees in the rear garden of 8 Church Street. The garden is within Pinchbeck Conservation Area and two trees are recorded to be the subject of Pinchbeck Tree Preservation Order No. 6 1989.

'In my rear garden there are two tall, mature trees.

One is an Irish Yew and one is a Conifer. The two trees have combined and become entangled over the years (I have lived at the property since November 2025).

Adjacent to my property is a public footpath and both trees overhang the path significantly.

In moderate winds, both trees sway noticeably over the footpath and towards my house.

I have enlisted the services of local Arborist and Forestry professional Adam Quant. We propose to undertake some sympathetic trimming of both trees to reduce the width. Approximately 10-12 inches from all sides.

We also propose to reduce the height of both trees by 2m.'

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'.

Notes:

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

Conifers such as Leyland cypress should ideally only be heavily pruned (or topped) in July. The optimum time for annual trimming works is between July and August. Works in the late autumn, winter and early spring months should be avoided. Always check if nesting birds are present before works are to be undertaken and, if present, delay until the fledglings have been reared and have flown the nest.

Major pruning works to yews should be carried out in May, although minor trimming works may be carried out in August or September. Always check if nesting birds are present before works are to be undertaken and, if present, delay until the fledglings have been reared and have flown the nest.

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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