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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 WORKS TO A PRESERVED TREE

Reference: H14-0652-25 **Date of Decision:** 30th October 2025

Applicant: Mr D Sandford
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Location: 4 Horsepit Lane Pinchbeck Spalding

Description: Works to Pinchbeck Tree Preservation Order No 11 1993

Detailed Description:

Application to carry out works on two silver birch trees in the rear garden of 4 Horsepit Lane.

Please note that the description of works in the original application has been replaced by the description of works received on 23rd October 2025 to be found on the file, and as quoted in the description below.

The trees are identified as Group One of Pinchbeck Tree Preservation Order No 11 1993.

Description of works:

'Silver Birch Reductions.

To carry out the reduction of two silver birch's within the rear garden. The large tree on the left will have the lower lateral rear limbs overhanging the neighbours reduced back 3 m. In order to keep the tree balanced we will carry out a reduction to the rest of the tree of 1-2 metres all round with a thinning of the canopy by removing deadwood and crossing/rubbing branches.

The tree to the right will have the limbs overhanging the neighbours garden reduced back, this to include the larger limb growing vertically but overhanging the boundary. The smaller limbs will be cut back inside the boundary where possible however cuts will need to be made to suitable growth points and therefore there may be some limbs not fully within the boundary.

All works will be carried out to industry codes of good practice and work will be completed to British

Standards BS3998:2010.

Price includes labour and the removal of created waste.'

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'. All cuts should be made at existing growth points.*

Notes:

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

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.

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.

*It is not expected that these works on the silver birch trees will result in trees which will have canopies which sit completely within the garden of 4 Horsepit Lane. The aim should be to selectively shorten branches to British Standard cuts to alleviate impact on the neighbouring properties, yet still retain two silver birch trees with visual amenity and where possible balanced canopies.



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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:

<https://www.gov.uk/appeal-decision-about-tree-order>

Alternatively a form can be obtained by writing to Environment Appeals, Room 3A Eagle Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Bristol, BS1 6PN or telephone on 0303 444 5000.

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:

treeandhedgeappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk