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

Reference: H14-0690-20 **Date of Decision:** 28th September 2020

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Location: 9 Bear Lane Pinchbeck Spalding

Description: Works to Trees in Pinchbeck Conservation Area

Detailed Description:

Notification regarding proposed works to trees within the grounds of 9 Bear Lane, Pinchbeck.

Description of proposals in the owner/occupier of the property's words:

'MAPLE TREE: INSIDE FRONT GARDEN CLOSE TO BOUNDARY WITH 11 BEAR LANE.

CUT BACK OF BRANCHES TO OLD POLLARDING POINT TO REMOVE SERIOUS AREA OF DECAY THAT SEEMS TO BE ONLY AFFECTING PART OF THE TREE AT PRESENT.

HOWEVER, ONCE THE DECAY HAS BEEN CUT OUT IT MAY BE NECESSARY TO POLLARD THE ENTIRE TREE FOR IT TO LOOK "RIGHT" AND BALANCED. THE TREE HAS BEEN SEVERELY POLLARDED IN THE PAST.

SHOULD THE DECAY FUNGUS BE VERY WIDESPREAD AND INTO THE MAIN TRUNK, AT THE VERY WORST CASE, THE ENTIRE TREE MAY HAVE TO BE REMOVED. BUT WE DO NOT WANT THIS AND IT WILL BE AVOIDED IF AT ALL POSSIBLE.

PART OF THE TREE SEEMS TO BE DYING BACK AND THERE WAS A DECAY FUNGUS GROWING FROM IT. WE WISH TO CUT OUT THE DECAY FUNGUS AFFECTED PART BEFORE IT CAUSES FURTHER DAMAGE TO THE REMAINING HEALTHY PARTS OF THE TREE. THE AIM IS TO PRESERVE THE TREE IN GOOD HEALTH AND STRENGTH, WHILST

BEING SAFE.

MAGNOLIA TREE: INSIDE FRONT GARDEN DRIVEWAY AREA.

LIGHT PRUNING TO MAINTAIN SHAPE.

THE TREE HAS GROWN SLIGHTLY TOWARDS THE HOUSE, AND COULD DO WITH A PRUNE TO CONTROL IT GOING TOWARDS THE HOUSE AND BECOMING UNBALANCED.'

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'.

3 Should the maple have to be removed, the resulting stump of the tree should be ground out to at least 300mm below ground level to help reduce the risk of the stump harbouring decay fungi which could infect nearby trees.

Notes:

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

Pruning of sycamores or maples should take place in late summer or early autumn. All pruning works should be completed by mid-January to avoid problems of sap bleed.

Magnolias should be trimmed in late July, to avoid heavy bleeding of sap, yet allow time for wounds to start healing before winter.

In the unlikely event that it be required to remove the maple due to the extent of decay present: In this case the duty of the landowner would be to plant another tree, of an appropriate size and species, at the same place and as soon as reasonably possible.

It is recommended that the tree be replaced with a further maple of at least 1.5metres high on planting as near as reasonably practicable to the position of the original tree within a period of twelve months.

Modifications to details may be agreed with the Local Planning Authority.

Please inform the Local Planning Authority as soon as replanting has taken place and indicate the position of the replacement tree. Section 207 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 empowers this Authority to issue a Notice formally requiring replacement trees to be planted.

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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