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

Reference: H14-0848-26 **Date of Decision:** 19th October 2026

Applicant: J Britton
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Location: Pinchbeck Hall 58 Church Street Pinchbeck Spalding

Description: Works to Trees in Pinchbeck Conservation Area

Detailed Description:

Notification to carry out tree works in the grounds of Pinchbeck Hall, 58 Church Street. Please see the plan accompanying the Notification for the position of the trees.

'A. Large beech' immediately to the north of Pinchbeck Hall. The tree had recently lost another significant sized branch. The canopy to the south overhangs the northern end of the Hall and would cause significant damage should there be another branch drop.

Suggest a 50% crown reduction on the south side of the tree, to give clearance to the Hall, and reduce pressure on the branch structure. The growth on the northern side of the tree has been more supressed by the presence of a lime. Following reduction on the south side selectively reduce the height and balance with the north side, to retain a more compact but still significant tree. The recent wound caused by the fallen branch could be tidied up to encourage healing.

'B. False acacia, completely fallen,' located on lawn in front of Hall set out from boundary tree line.

'C. Tall beech, tidy wound left from fallen limb.

D. Huge poplar tree, hollow pollarded tree cut back to pollarded points.

E. Fern leaf beech, observe may not survive.' 09/10/2026 Meripilus giganteus noted at base of trunk. Fell.

'F. Mature beech, remove 25-30% of crown which appears to have dieback.'

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 The resulting stump of the beech tree should be ground out/ removed 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.

Poplar trees are prone to bleeding of sap if cut during January and through the spring months and therefore works on them at this time are best avoided.

With regard to the fern-leaf beech the duty of the landowner is 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 false acacia is also replaced.

It is recommended that the fern-leaf beech is replaced with a tree of the same species, to be at least 1.5 metres high on planting, at a suitable location within the grounds, within a period of twelve months. It is recommended that the false acacia is similarly replaced. Watering in dry periods for at least the first two years after planting is strongly recommended, as is the fitting of an appropriate tree guard until established.

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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