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

Reference: H14-0849-17 **Date of Decision:** 16th October 2017

Applicant: Mr Chris Walder
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Location: Seckford Lodge Spalding Road Pinchbeck Spalding Lincs

Description: Works to trees in Pinchbeck Conservation Area

Detailed Description:

Notification to carry out works on trees in the grounds of Seckford Lodge, Spalding Road, Pinchbeck. Please see plan on application file for position of trees.

In the words of the applicant (slightly amended following discussion with the Trees and Nature Conservation Officer on 25th August 2017):

'After the storms of last winter when one of our Poplars came down into a neighbours garden, I have been reviewing the state of some of the remaining trees and would like to do some remedial work before the Autumn.

There are 2 trees (one Poplar with a fungus at the base and one dead cherry) in the SE corner of the property which are in a dangerous state and should be removed. In the SW corner there is one Poplar which also needs to be removed. There is one other tree, a hawthorn that is growing out a hedge on the Southern perimeter which appears to be hollow and I would therefore also like to remove that; also an elderberry which has reached tree like proportions.

We continue to try and improve the state of the many trees here by removing ivy which had prior to our purchase of Seckford Lodge, got out of control. We are also planting replacement native trees where appropriate, for the long term view.

I trust that the removal of the 5 trees as described above, meets with your approval.'

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 The resulting stumps of the trees should be ground out to at least 300mm below ground level to help reduce the risk of the stumps harbouring decay fungi which could infect nearby trees.

3 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.

In this case 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 two poplar trees, cherry and hawthorn are replaced with either the same, the trees to be at least 1.5 metres high on planting, or alternatively as discussed with the applicant a mixed native species hedgerow is planted as near as reasonably practicable to the position of the original trees within a period of twelve months.

Please inform the Local Planning Authority as soon as replanting has taken place and indicate the position of the replacement trees. 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 at their Lincoln office on 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 at their Lincoln office on 03000 603900 before works proceed.

Paul Jackson



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South Holland District Council