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

Reference: H14-0862-22 **Date of Decision:** 13th October 2022
Applicant: Mr N Wright
Otway House
34 Spalding Road
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Location: Otway House 34 Spalding Road Pinchbeck Spalding
Description: Works to Trees in Pinchbeck Conservation Area

Detailed Description:

Notification with regard to three sycamore trees within the grounds of Otway House.

'Two sycamores - (see map)- Fell

1 Sycamore - Poor shape and of no amenity value.

2 Sycamore - Alot of DEAD WOOD

Throughout canopy showing signs of stress - Poor shape and of no amenity value.

On either side there is a (mature) sycamore and (mature) horse chestnut which would have more room to grow.'

A third mature sycamore was indicated as requiring works during a site visit by the Trees and Nature Conservation Officer on 5th October 2022. This tree being located immediately in front of steps leading down from the conservatory on the south-eastern corner of Otway House. The tree contained an extensive basal cavity, and it was requested that it too be felled. The condition of the tree and the desire to improve/re-landscape this aspect of the grounds leading up the steps to the conservatory being used to justify this action.

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 stumps of the trees should be ground out/removed to at least 300mm below ground level, to help reduce the risk of the stumps harbouring decay fungi which could infect nearby trees. (Care to be taken not to damage the roots of adjacent trees).

Notes:

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

Normally 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. This would have certainly applied to two of the trees in question, one being dying another potentially dangerous.

Due to the location of the trees concerned, within a driveway/carpark area and also one immediately outside of a flight of steps leading to the property, the normal duty to replace the trees in the same place is waived as the spaces made available by their removal are helpful.

It is strongly recommended that the trees are replaced with species of medium/large growing broad-leaved trees, in alternative positions within the extensive grounds of the property. A wide age range of trees in a parkland situation ensures its continuation.

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.

(Please note that the removal of dead wood can be carried out without the need to submit a formal written application for works. All works to British Standard 3998 2010 and due regard taken of any Protected Species under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 (as amended) which may be present.)



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