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

Reference: H14-0908-25 **Date of Decision:** 4th November 2025
Applicant: Mr A Walby
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Location: 9 Bear Lane Pinchbeck Spalding
Description: Works to Trees in Pinchbeck Conservation Area

Detailed Description:

Notification to carry out works to trees in the garden of 9 Bear Lane.

Please see the clear sketch plan and photographs accompanying this Notification.
Owner's Description of works:

'The Magnolia tree was last pruned in 2020 and needs to have a light pruning in order to maintain shape and health. At the back of the tree it is nearly touching our house and at the front it is hanging over an internal fence panel potential causing damage to both. (sketch map 1)' (29.10.25 Clarified reduction works to be of approximately one metre where required.)

'Cypress (conifer) trees towards the front boundary of the property. These have grown incredible tall. They now block out the afternoon sun to the front of our house causing it to be dark and feel cold. We would like to replace them with a native smaller tree such as a crab apple. We are also looking to plant a native wildlife hedge along the front perimeter wall/fence and so would need these trees to be removed in order to create space and light. (sketch map 2)

Silver birch has grown incredibly tall and needs a crown reduction to achieve a manageable height proportionate to its close location to our neighbours house and ours. (sketch map 3)' (29.10.25 Clarified reduction works to be of approximately 1.5 metres where required.)

'Copper Beech Tree - regrettably we would like a removal as the tree is very close the rear garage of our house, this is potentially part of the subsidence problem that the garage and house is facing. The area of the garden is over crowded with many other very large established trees surrounding it and it's loss will not drastically change the landscape due to the close proximity of the other trees. (sketch map 4)'

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 to be removed 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. Please take care not to damage the roots of any adjacent trees in the process.

Notes:

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

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

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. The tiny goldcrest often nest in conifer trees and can be easily overlooked, adults make a high pitched twittering noise.

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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