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

Reference: H14-1208-17 **Date of Decision:** 16th January 2018

Applicant: Pinchbeck Parish Council
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Location: Glebe Field (North Boundary) Off Knight Street Pinchbeck Spalding

Description: Works to Trees in Pinchbeck Conservation Area

Detailed Description:

Notification to remove a previously pollarded ash tree growing on the northern boundary of the Glebe Playing Field, Pinchbeck; also the proposed removal of some mature hawthorns and saplings. All are on the edge of a ditch which at the point in question follows the northern field boundary.

In the words of the Parish Council:

'Remove ash tree and all old hawthorns, deadwood and self seeded saplings.
To enhance this area of the field. To give the opportunity to tidy up the site, will also give free access to the drain/dyke which is currently overgrown and denies access for clearance of. '

'Proposed replacement trees 'Possibly cherry trees, yet to be decided, but flowering trees are preferred.'

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.

Notes:

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

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.
Song thrushes nest from mid-February and are very likely to be found in the ivy covered hawthorn trees.
Black birds with a second brood have been found nesting as late as September.

The removal of the ash and old hawthorn will have an impact on the availability of bird nesting sites.
Consideration should be given to providing artificial nest boxes in suitable positions elsewhere in the tree covered perimeter of the Glebe field. Replacement tree planting should ideally provide cover and food for wildlife to compensate for the loss. Rowans, whitebeams, fruiting cherries and crab apples provide both blossom and food for wildlife, as do the hawthorns which are to be removed.
Alder trees, such as Alnus glutinosa are also good for wildlife and have interesting flowers 'catkins', the alder eventually produces bunches of small cones, very good for attracting siskins and other finches.

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.



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