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

Reference: H14-1247-18 **Date of Decision:** 28th January 2019

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Location: 47 Church Street Pinchbeck Spalding

Description: Works to trees in Pinchbeck Conservation Area

Detailed Description:

Notification to carry out works to trees within the grounds of the Manor House, 47 Church Street, Pinchbeck.
The description is in the applicant's own words:

'1. Overview
Documentation requesting approval to maintain protected trees identified in areas highlighted in figure 1.

2. Areas
The photo' (figure 1) 'on the front page of this document' (The document provides supporting information to the notification). 'is from Google Maps. It has been dissected into 8 areas, correlating with the areas described below. In this section, we detail what is currently existing for each area identified.

3. Area 1
Immediately right of the entrance to the manor house, all trees within this area have been left to grow without maintenance for at least a decade. The request is to maintain the trees as follows:

1. Laurel (x4) - reduce by 50%

2. Pyracantha - remove entirely to allow Garrya Eliptica to survive.

3. Garrya elliptica - reduce by 75%.

4. Elder - remove.

5. Berberis stenophylla - remove.

6. Ash - remove to allow the Acer to live.

4. Area 2.
4.1. Leylandii
There are 40 Leylandii in this area. The original intention of the Leylandii was to create a natural border, with the assumption the trees will be maintained to maintain the border feel. Subsequent owners have not maintained the leylandii in this way.

Some of the Leylandii are reaching over to neighbouring land with a risk of collapse and damage to neighbouring property.

There is an intention to replace the fencing by submitting a request to heritage and planning to continue the brick wall as a border, maintaining the style of the wall across the fencing.

The result is fully grown trees that are now impacting protected trees such as Prunus lusitanica, Robina and others.

With all three factors considered, the request is to remove all the Leylandii trees in this area to allow for protected trees to survive, remove the risk of damage to neighbouring property and to allow for a newly built wall to increase the protection and heritage value of the property.

4.2. Maintenance
The following list details the trees that have had some maintenance applied already, and detailing what further maintenance is requested. In general, one maintenance aspect is to continue a process of killing off all ivy in this area.

Prunus 'Pissardii'
Maintenance carried out: removal of dead wood
Further maintenance requested: removal of dead wood.

Sorbus aria
Maintenance carried out: removal of dead wood
Further maintenance requested: removal of dead wood.

Cedrus atlantica 'Glauca'
Maintenance carried out: removal of dead wood, raised canopy.
Further maintenance requested: dead wood

Prunus avium (x2)
Maintenance carried out: removal of dead wood, raised canopy on one.

Further maintenance requested: dead wood

Betula pendula 'Youngii'
Maintenance carried out: removal of dead wood
Further maintenance requested: removal of dead wood.

Robinia
Maintenance carried out: removal of dead wood
Further maintenance requested: removal of dead wood

Prunus lusitanica (x5)
Maintenance carried out: Reduced Canopy
Further maintenance requested: Take back 2ft

Prunus:
Maintenance requested: Dead, to remove please

Weeping Prunus
Maintenance carried out: None
Further maintenance requested: None

Willow (Salix)
Maintenance carried out: removal of dead wood, raised canopy
Further maintenance requested: dead wood

Malus (x2)
Maintenance requested: 1 Dead, to remove please

Prunus avium
Maintenance carried out: removal of dead wood, raised canopy
Further maintenance requested: dead wood

Sorbus aucuparia
Maintenance carried out: Raised canopy
Further maintenance requested: raising canopy when potential risk to children

Pinus sylvestris
Maintenance carried out: Raised canopy
Further maintenance requested: raising canopy when potential risk to children

5. Area 3 & 5

5.1. Leylandii
The original intention of the leylandii in this area was to create a natural border, with the assumption the trees will be maintained to maintain the border feel. Subsequent owners have not maintained the
leylandii in this way. The request is to reduce the number of Leylandii from 59 to 30. Of the 30 remaining to trim these trees back by up to 50% and to reduce their height to 10 feet.

5.2. Maintenance

Ivy
Ivy is rampant in this area. Some removal has already occurred to prevent choking of trees. Request
is to continue further with a view to removal of all ivy in this area, which will take years to realise.

Elder Sambucus (x10)
Request: Remove due to toxicity of berries for pets. Positioning is not serving any benefit

Holly
Request: Trimming back

Ash (x4)
Request: One needs felling as is dead. Retain remaining 3

Prunus avium (x6)
Maintenance carried out: removal of dead wood
Further maintenance requested: removal of dead wood

Crataegus (x3)
Maintenance carried out: removal of dead wood from 2. Remove 1 (dead)
Further maintenance requested: removal of dead wood

Poplar (x4)
Request: Remove all 4, as' 'stated to be weak and at risk of falling, causing possible damage to neighbouring property.

Laurel (x4)
Request: Taking back by 5ft, others by 2ft and clean up

Birch (x2)
Maintenance carried out: removal of dead wood, raised canopy
Further maintenance requested: dead wood

6. Area 4
Leylandii (x11)
Request: Remove all 11. 1 already fallen and removal of this.
The plan is to use this area as a fruit and vegetable patch. Fruit trees such as apple, pear, peach, plums, cherry and orange pippin are currently being considered.

7. Area 6
Leylandii (x10)

Request: Keep the trees but cut back and reduce height to -10 feet

Dog rose - thorny bush (20-30)
Request: Remove and/or cut back by 50%.

Crataegus (x40)
Request: Remove Dead wood

Elder
Request: Remove

Ivy
Request: Remove

Acer campestre
Request: Cut back to border + 5%

8. Area 7
Currently has a mixture of Privet, BlackBerry, Quickthorn, Elder, Rosa (Dog Rose) & Salix. For these the request is to significantly cut all back to the border.

Also, at least 5 very big willow trees. Some have collapsed and grown sideways into the field. Some areas clearly died, others still living but have caused damage to fence perimeter. The request will be to remove any dead areas and for those still living, to cut back up to 15ft.

Other trees such as Acer (x3), Crataegus (x2), Ash (x2) to remain unaffected.

9. Area 8
There are currently 79 Leylandii lined up in a row in this area. 1 has fallen, 30 are dead. We are requesting to remove all Leylandii from this area'.

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 three 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'.

Notes:

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

It may be advisable to obtain the opinion of a qualified arboriculturist regarding the potential effect that the removal of the trees could have on nearby built structures.

Please note that the removal of dead wood can be carried out without the need to submit a formal written application for works. The works to be carried out to British Standard 3998 2010 and due regard taken of any protected species which may be present. The removal of dead wood is included in the description for completeness.

Listed below are the ideal times to do tree works for particular species. Often the works can not be carried out in the ideal season due to nesting birds. (Song thrushes can be

found nesting in ivy and in hedgerows from mid- February onwards; a black bird with a second brood was found nesting in a leylandii hedgerow as late as September). Great care must be taken to inspect trees for nests before works take place. The very small goldcrest particularly likes nesting in conifers.

Ideally conifers such as Leyland cypress should only be heavily pruned (or topped) in July. The optimum time for annual trimming works is between July and August. This is often not possible due to nesting birds. Works in the late autumn, winter and early spring months should be avoided.

Pruning works to species of Prunus (cherry/plum) should be carried out after flowering but before mid-July. This reduces the chance of the wounds becoming infected with the fungi known as silver leaf. Beware of nesting birds.

Cedars may be pruned between November and February but pruning in frosty weather should be avoided. They may also be pruned in summer, but beware of nesting birds.

False acacias should be pruned in the mid to late summer period, as bleeding of sap from pruning cuts can be a problem at other times of the year. This is often not possible due to nesting birds.

The ideal time to pollard/coppice willows to re-juvenate them is mid-winter.

Ideally,holly should be trimmed in August. This is often not possible due to nesting birds. (Please note, the major cutting back of a hedge is best spread over two to three years).

Pruning of sycamores and maples should take place in late summer or early autumn. All pruning works to sycamores and maples should be completed by mid-January to avoid problems of sap bleed.

In the case where the tree to be removed is dead dying or dangerous 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 tree(s) are replaced with trees of the same species as the original (or of a species which grows to a similar size and form to the original when mature); to be at least 1.5 metres high on planting, to be planted as near as reasonably practicable to the position of the original tree within a period of twelve months.

Area 3 & 5,
Ash to be replaced, with a seedling from elsewhere in the grounds.
Crataegus, to be replaced, with a further tree of the Crataegus family.
Poplar (x4), to be replaced with further deciduous trees, consider native trees of the Sorbus family such as Sorbus aria or Sorbus aucuparia .
Prunus, to be replaced with a further Prunus.
Malus, to be replaced with a further Malus.
Area 8
Leylandii (x30) cypress to be replaced with either coniferous or deciduous species, consider a species of Alnus. The native species is Alnus glutinosa.

Modifications to the details may be agreed with the Local Planning Authority.

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 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.

It is good management to sever/remove the ivy off a healthy or significant tree, otherwise it can grow to such proportions the weight of it can cause structural damage to the tree. If there is a dead tree, or one of very low value, which would be unlikely to cause a danger should it fall; then if the ivy is left, it does provide a good habitat for wildlife, particularly nesting birds.



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