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

Reference: H16-0057-26 **Date of Decision:** 9th March 2026

Applicant: K Mazur
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Location: 92 St Thomas Road Spalding

Description: Works to Trees in Spalding Conservation Area

Detailed Description:

Notification of works to trees within the grounds of 92 St. Thomas Road to maintain them in the space available having due regard of neighbouring properties. Please see the clear location plan and annotated photographs of the trees provided with the Notification.

The proposed works were discussed on site between the Owner of the property and the Trees and Nature Conservation Officer and although everything Notified is authorised in this letter; those works proposed for the silver birch tree were not considered best practice at this stage in the trees life, unless the tree was found to contain some fault which rendered it unsafe or was found to have been cut-back in the distant past and have re-grown to full size again. Heavy reduction tends to promote vigorous, dense re-growth which is rarely as strongly attached as the original growth, and will need regular re-pruning. A lighter pruning back to existing growth points of about 25% of the canopy to leave more shape to the tree and retain more of the lighter branch structure in place, is likely to need less regular re-pruning, by not encouraging the dense regrowth; than those works indicated on the accompanying photograph.
(If there are serious safety concerns the trees should ideally be assessed by an independent qualified and insured arboriculturalist and recommendations followed.)

Works proposed by Owner of property:

'Hornbeam 1. Reduction in size by a third. As marked on photo attached .' Due to: 'Access to more light.'

(Conifer possibly a western red cedar).

'Unknown 2. Reduction by half by removing one parallel trunk. As marked on photos attached.' Due to: 'Safety concerns.'

'Silver birch 3. Reducing by a third to a half. As marked on photo attached.' Due to: 'Safety concerns.'

(Holly).
'Unknown 4 . Removing. As marked on photo attached.' Due to: 'Access to more light.'

'Elderberry 5. Cutting to 1.5 high. As marked on photo attached' Due to: 'Access to more light.'

'Yew 6. Cutting to 1.5m high. As marked on photo attached ' Due to: 'Access to more light.'

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'. All cuts to be made back to existing growth points.

3 With regard to the holly tree, if complete removal is required the resulting stump should be ground out/removed to at least 300mm below ground level, to help reduce the risk of the stump eventually harbouring decay fungi which could infect nearby trees. (Take care not to damage the roots of adjacent trees in the process.) Alternatively keep a low living stump which will be likely to re-sprout, the resulting re-growth can easily be kept to a desired height.

Notes:

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

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.

Major pruning works to yews should be carried out in May, although minor trimming works may be carried out in August or September. Always check if nesting birds are present before works are to be undertaken and, if present, delay until the fledglings have been reared and have flown the nest.

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.



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