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

Reference: H16-0208-19 **Date of Decision:** 9th April 2019
Applicant: Mr Nick Riches - Environment Agency
Coronation Channel
Childers South Drove
Four Ashes
Spalding Lincs
PE12 6BQ
Location: Coronation Channel River Side Of Arnold Smith Meadow Nature Reserve
Childers South Drove, Four Ashes Spalding
Description: Works to trees in Arnold Meadows Nature Reserve

Detailed Description:

Notification to carry out works to trees on the eastern bank of the Coronation Channel, alongside the Arnold Smith Nature Reserve, between Childers Drove North and Pecks Drove West.

Please see the map which accompanies the Notification for the approximate position of the trees concerned.

'T1-T54 (various species) - crown raise all trees along this stretch of the Coronation Channel to 3m. This is to allow a tractor and side arm flail to cut the grass without causing any damage to the trees. Species of each tree is specified on the attached map.'

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'.

Notes:

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

The map accompanying the Notification has a number of anomalies in it where the tree species and positions appear not to match what is currently on the ground. A walnut is present at the northern most point of the site where it is proposed to prune the trees.

Walnuts should only be pruned in late July and early August when they are in full leaf. If pruned at other times of the year a walnut tree can bleed sap profusely which can be very detrimental. If a walnut is still holding its leaves well, sometimes pruning can be carried out into September.

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.

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

Avoid pruning horse chestnuts in the spring months directly prior to and immediately after bud opening as bleeding of sap from pruning cuts may be a problem. Ideally horse chestnuts should be pruned between February and leaf fall. (A tree is present near the northern end of the site).

Pruning works to species of *Prunus* (cherry/plum) should be carried out after flowering but before mid-July, to discourage infection by the fungi known as silver leaf.

Other than the removal of dead wood lime trees should preferably be pruned in late July and August or alternatively in the autumn months. Avoid pruning from the end of January onwards, as the bleeding of sap may be a problem.

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: 3000 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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