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

Reference: H16-0314-18 **Date of Decision:** 14th May 2018

Applicant: Mr C Longstaff
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Location: Westbourne Lodge 13 Cowbit Road Spalding

Description: Proposed works to trees in Spalding Conservation Area

Detailed Description:

Notification of proposed tree works in the grounds of Westbourne Lodge, 13 Cowbit Road, Spalding.
Please see the plan accompanying the notification form for position of trees.

Group A: Line of Cupressocyparis leylandii (Leyland cypress) on the eastern boundary of the paddock. To reduce in height the group of Cupressocyparis leylandii trees by approximately one third.

Tree B: Dying Prunus sp. (flowering cherry tree) on eastern edge of formal garden area. To remove.

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 stump of the tree to be removed should be ground out / removed to at least 300mm below ground level to help reduce the risk of the stump harbouring decay fungi which could infect nearby trees.

Notes:

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

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. Often this is not feasible due to nesting birds (please see the note below). 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, to help reduce the likelihood of infection by the fungus known as silver leaf.)

Should the flowering cherry be removed, in this case 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 is replaced with a further flowering cherry of at least 1.5 metres in height on planting as near as reasonably practicable to the position of the original tree within a period of twelve months.

Please inform the Local Planning Authority as soon as replanting has taken place and indicate the position of the replacement tree. 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.

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