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

Reference: H16-0407-26 **Date of Decision:** 26th May 2026

Applicant: Mrs C Hussain
7 Haverfield Road
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Location: 7 Haverfield Road Spalding

Description: Works to Trees in Spalding Conservation Area

Detailed Description:

Notification to remove two conifer trees in the rear garden of 7 Haverfield Road. Please see the sketch plan accompanying the Notification.

'Two tall cypress conifers at the end of the garden have created a sink hole on the other side of the 'heritage' wall (the wall is the boundary of my garden). The sink hole is in the playground of Spalding Grammar School. The school are currently using mental railings to protect the students from the area. Sadly both trees need to be 'felled', knocked down. Please see the previous planning application H16-1168-19, although you have previously approved the work on the trees, Mrs Barnes didn't carry out the works due to the covid-19 pandemic.'

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 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. May not be possible to grid out the stumps due to the proximity of the wall.

3 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 presence of tree(s) do not normally make sinkholes. In the previous Notification there were three trees, so maybe one was removed. Sometimes the decaying roots can cause the ground to drop once a tree is removed, as the soil fills the place where the roots were. There can also be some shrinkage of clay soils caused by removal of water in dry periods by high water demand trees such as cypress, which can cause cracks in the soil.

It would be advisable to seek the advice of a fully qualified arboriculturalist or structural engineer to assess the situation before removing the remaining trees. Their removal may have an effect on the wall, (or other nearby built structures) as they grow so close to it, or may exacerbate the problem as their roots decay. As mentioned cypress trees are high water demand trees, so if a soil contains a high clay content and they are suddenly removed the reverse of subsidence may be apparent, what is known as soil heave.

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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