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

Reference: H16-0437-23 **Date of Decision:** 8th June 2023

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Location: Mercia Lodge 65 Pinchbeck Road Spalding

Description: Works to Trees in Spalding Conservation Area

Detailed Description:

Notification to carry out works to trees within the grounds of Mercia Lodge, 65 Pinchbeck Road.

'There are several different species of trees, including conifers, to the front, sides and rear of the property which need tidying up. This mainly involves removing lower branches, possible reduction in height for some of the trees. One or two of the smaller trees to be removed.'

Please see the plan, photos and notes attached to the file. The tree species have been omitted from the list.

Identification numbers relate to the plan and are accompanied by individual photographs of the trees.

Garden At Rear of House.

1. Tidy up tree by removing lower branches.

Remove large branch against fence, leaving approx. 2 metres of branch to preserve tree.

2. Tidy up tree by removing lower branches.
3. Remove lower branches.
4. Cut back branches to give a 2 metre clearance from fascia board.
5. Remove tree.

LHS Facing House.

Roadway to houses at the back. Cut back trees/shrubs along whole length of roadway down to the property at the bottom to allow approx. 4 metre clearance to give a clearer access for larger vehicles.

6. Remove tree - Roadway to be moved across - tree is in line of new roadway.
7. Remove dead tree.
8. Remove shrubs and tree from corner of house.
9. Cut back overhanging branches on Neighbours side.

Garden At Front of Property.

10. Remove lower branches.
11. Remove lower branches.
12. Remove lower branches.
13. Remove lower branches.

RHS Facing House.

Driveway on RHS of house. Cut neighbours overhanging trees/shrubs back to boundary line.

14. Fungus growth at bottom of tree. Tree Surgeon to be contacted for advice.

Cut lower branches back away from cable lines.
15. Branches to be cut back away from cable lines.

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 stumps of the trees to be removed, 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. (Please take care not to damage the roots of adjacent trees in the process).

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 arboriculturalist regarding the potential effect that the removal of trees could have on nearby built structures. As the tree to be removed which is perhaps closest to the dwelling is likely to be a hazel tree, which is low water demand, the effect in this instance is likely to be minimum.

Magnolias should be trimmed in late July, to avoid heavy bleeding of sap, yet allow time for wounds to start healing before winter.

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

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.

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.

In this case the duty of the landowner is to plant another replacement tree, of an appropriate size and species, at the same place and as soon as reasonably possible, to replace those removed which are dead, dying or dangerous.

It is recommended that the tree identified as '7' is replaced with a yew tree of at least 1.0 metres high 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.

(Please note that when the proposed new driveway is constructed which requires tree 6 to be removed, that advice should be sought from a qualified arboriculturalist on its construction, to avoid damage to the roots of the remaining trees. The drive should be fully permeable and of a 'No dig' design. A driveway which is designed around the trees will also help prevent potential tree root damage to the drive in future years.).



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