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

Reference: H16-0833-15 **Date of Decision:** 14th October 2015

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Location: Westbourne Lodge 13 Cowbit Road Spalding

Description: Notification of works to trees in Spalding Conservation Area

Detailed Description:

Notification of works to trees in Spalding Conservation Area, in the grounds of Westbourne Lodge, 13 Cowbit Road.

Identification numbers refer to the attached plan.

Tree No.1 - horse chestnut.

This tree has been reduced in the past and requires crown reduction to where the work has been carried out before.

Tree No.2 - beech.

Remove dead wood.

Tree Nos.3,4,and 5 - cedars.

Remove dead wood.

Tree No.6 - conifer and Tree No.7 hazel.

Remove to allow neighbouring trees more space; or 'coppice' the hazel down to approximately 2.0 metres and possibly re-assess the removal of the conifer.

Group A - conifers.

To reduce and remove selected branches interfering with two neighbouring properties.

Group B - horse chestnuts x 6.

These trees have been pollarded in the past; they are overhanging a footpath and adjacent residential properties and now require crown reduction of approximately 30%(approximately 30 feet).

Group C - conifers.

Reduce by 40%(approximately 15 feet).

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 If any trees are removed 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.

Notes:

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

Please note that the removal of dead wood can be carried out with out the need to submit a formal notification for works as long as works are completed to British Standard 3998 2010. The removal of dead wood is included in the description for completeness.

Conifers such as Leyland cypress should ideally be heavily pruned (or topped) in July. The optimum time for annual trimming works is between July and August although care must be taken not to disturb nesting birds. Works in the late autumn, winter and early spring months should be avoided.

Horse chestnuts should ideally be pruned after leaf fall but before February when the sap starts to rise, as 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 at their Lincoln office on 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 at their Lincoln office on 03000 603900 before works proceed.



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South Holland District Council

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