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

Reference: H16-1133-19 **Date of Decision:** 23rd December 2019

Applicant: Trustees of Lincolnshire Area Quaker Meeting
Fao: Mr R Seal
1 Park Street
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Location: Quaker Meeting House 53 Westlode Street Spalding Lincs

Description: Works to trees in Spalding Conservation Area

Detailed Description:

Notification to prune two yew trees located in the Quaker Meeting House Burial Ground adjacent to the Double Street frontage.
'The two yew trees adjacent to Double Street have grown so that, on the NW side, they cast shadow over the garden, on the SW and NE sides they brush against our neighbours' houses and on the SE side they overhang both footpath and highway. In short, we judge that they need substantial trimming on all sides on a number of grounds'.

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.

Ideally major pruning works to yews should be carried out in May, although minor trimming may be carried out in August or September. It may not be possible to prune at the correct time of the year due to the presence of nesting birds which are protected by law. Avoid pruning in periods of frost.

No measurements of the proposed trimming were indicated on the Notification Form. It is suggested: A one metre clearance from the walls / roofs of the adjacent properties, it looks like the trees have been cut back to approximately this in the past. All cuts to be taken back to existing growth points. Then up to a metre's reduction to existing growth points over the road and possibly to a lesser extent over the burial ground, the branches seem to stick out more on the roadside than the burial ground side. The reduction works to be limited to an extent to still leave some green growth remaining on the branches, rather than by cutting the branches back to the inner bare branch structure.

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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