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

Reference: H16-1151-19 **Date of Decision:** 16th December 2019

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Location: Bedford House 10 London Road Spalding Lincs

Description: Works to Trees in Spalding Conservation Area

Detailed Description:

Notification to carry out works to trees in the garden of Bedford House, 10 London Road, Spalding.

'Line of conifer trees on the south side of the garden.
Reduce by 50% in height. Concerned due to safety as one has collapsed.

Walnut tree on front lawn.
Reduce low branch growing to the south by approximately 40% in length back to existing healthy growth points.
To reduce the weight from this horizontal branch for safety reasons. Complete removal not recommended due to the likelihood that the wound produced will never fully heal and is therefore likely to rot back and weaken the main trunk of the tree.

Cypress (Likely to be a Lawsons). Left front lawn.
Crown lift by up to 3 metres. Optional minor pruning all round, to reduce spread, but taking care NOT to cut back beyond greenery, otherwise just the brown/grey branch network will be exposed, which rarely re-sprouts.

Inspect the apex of the tree. It is suspected that it has been topped in the past. If regrowth present above old cut or rot present, may need a slight reduction in height, to reduce the chance of re-

growth from blowing out. Overgrown.

Rest of garden, general maintenance/ reduction/ pruning/ etc. as and when necessary to maintain balance of garden.'

PLEASE NOTE IT IS ASSUMED THAT THE LAST PARAGRAPH REFERS TO SHRUBS, ALSO SAPLINGS UNDER THE SIZE REQUIRING A CONSERVATION AREA NOTIFICATION TO BE MADE.

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.

Conifers such as Leyland cypress should ideally only be heavily pruned (or topped) in July. The optimum time for annual trimming works is between July and August. Works in the late autumn, winter and early spring months should be avoided. Due to the presence of nesting birds it is frequently not possible to prune conifers at the ideal time. September would appear to be the most likely month to be able to prune them bearing in mind the various restrictions. (Even in September a blackbird was found still nesting in a conifer hedge, presumably it's second brood).

Walnut trees should only be pruned in late July and early August when they are in full leaf. If the tree is holding its leaves well the pruning period may stretch into September and very exceptionally into October. If pruned at other times of the year a walnut tree can bleed sap profusely which can damage the tree.

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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