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Thank you for meeting me on Thursday 4th January 2024 to show me the mature beech tree as identified above at Glenbeece, 11 Station Road, Surfleet.

The tree grows on the northern bank of the River Glen. Following exceptionally heavy rainfall the tree's roots had lifted the lawn up quite considerably in which it is situated, and the tree was more heavily leaning over the River Glen than normal.

A walkway/ terrace adjacent to the river which passed beneath the tree was buckled with cracks and the retaining wall noticeably cracked directly under the tree.

Urgent works are required to prevent the tree, from collapsing completely into the River causing a major obstruction to its flow.

Removal of the tree was considered. The Owner was keen to see that it was retained if feasible. A reduction in height of the crown by approximately 50%, which would equate to roughly one third of the existing branch framework to be completely removed was considered the best option in the circumstances. As it happens the shape of the crown would enable such drastic works to take place, but still leave a tree of some visual amenity value.

This e-mail is to confirm that South Holland District Council has No Objection to the works described above taking place IMMEDIATELY.

Subject to the following Condition:

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.

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. Exceptionally unlikely to be relevant in January.

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](tel:03000603900) 603900 before works proceed.

A copy of this Decision e-mail will be attached to the last Application File for works to this tree: H17-0611-20, which will save you from making a retrospective Application.

Yours sincerely,
Diane.

Diane Fairchild Fenton (Mrs).

Trees and Nature Conservation Officer.

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