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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
WORKS TO A PRESERVED TREE

Reference: H18-0485-17 **Date of Decision:** 12th July 2017

Applicant: Produce World Sutton Bridge
East Bank
Wingland
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Location: Produce World East Bank Sutton Bridge Spalding

Description: Works to Sutton Bridge Tree Preservation Order No 11 1991

Detailed Description:

Application to carry out works to trees on the western boundary of the Produce World Factory site, East Bank ,Wingland, Sutton Bridge.
The trees are the subject of Sutton Bridge Tree Preservation Order No. 11 1991.
In the words of the applicant:
'To prune and maintain trees within Group 3,4,5,and 6 of TPO No.11 1991.

Main works will be to remove deadwood, thin out the crowns, remove rubbing branches, assess and remove rotten areas as found.

The work will be carried out by NPTC qualified arborist / tree surgeon to BS 3998 1989 Standards.

All work will be sympathetic to the trees and remove minimum amount of wood /branches with a view to prolonging the life of the trees and maintain and promote growth.'

Following discussions with the applicant on 7th July 2017 the following details were also agreed.

Group 8.
Pine. Monitor base of tree to see if any lifting of root plate in strong winds. Minor reduction of the

lowest branches may be carried out if essential for site operation.

Group 7.
Three silver birch and one cherry, some root damage evident, nothing appeared recent. The cherry had some evidence of wood detritus at the base of the tree and a lesser stag beetle was present, possibly indicating some basal decay. Some wood detritus was also present under a previous wound on the main trunk, again possibly indicating active decay.
Monitor base of trees. The middle silver birch, the smallest in girth has had in the past very severe root damage. This tree may be removed and a replacement planted. (The possible erection of a barrier between the trees and the concrete apron where the wooden packing boxes are stacked and the fork lift trucks work, was discussed; to prevent further damage to the trees.) It was agreed that space could be found for three eventual replacement field maple trees to be planted in the vicinity of the trees under discussion and once they are established say in five years time the situation of the remaining two silver birch and one cherry be re-assessed.

Group 5.
Two southern most horse chestnuts.
Prune to give 2.5 metres clearance from the adjacent shed.
Third horse chestnut to the north of the other two contains a large cavity in a main trunk. Reduce crown by 25%.
Stumps of previously felled pines to be ground out to at least 300 mm below ground level and any fungal fruiting bodies removed.

Group 4.
One horse chestnut.
Prune to give 2.5 metres clearance from the adjacent shed.

(Group 3
Minor pruning of horse chestnut to allow for growth of recently planted pine tree was suggested.)

(Apart from the removal of rubbing branches, specific crown thinning was not discussed on site).

South Holland District Council hereby give notice that this application has been GRANTED (or equivalent) subject to the following condition(s):

1 That the proposed work is carried out within two years of the date of this decision unless otherwise agreed with the District Council.

2 Work is to be carried out in accordance with BSI 3998 : 2010, 'Recommendations for Tree Work'.

3 The resulting stump of the silver birch tree; if the tree be removed at this stage (and other stumps such as those remaining from the pines/ horse chestnuts from previous felling), should be ground out to at least 300mm below ground level, unless otherwise agreed with the District Council, to help reduce the risk of the stump 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 dead wood can be removed without written application as long as to British Standard 3998 2010 and due care is taken of any species protected under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 as amended, it is included in the description.

Avoid pruning horse chestnuts in the spring months directly prior to and immediately after bud opening as bleeding of sap from pruning cuts may be a problem. Ideally horse chestnuts should be pruned after leaf fall but before February when the sap starts to rise and the bleeding of sap may be a problem.

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

Silver birches should be pruned in late summer and autumn as bleeding of sap from pruning works can be a problem at other times of the year.

In this case the duty of the landowner is to plant another tree, of an appropriate size and species, at the same place and as soon as reasonably possible.

It is recommended that should the silver birch tree be removed, it is replaced with a field maple of at least 1.5 metres in height on planting as near as reasonably practicable to the position of the original tree within a period of twelve months. (In site meeting of 7th July 2017 it was agreed that three field maple trees be planted in Group 7, (already two replacement sweet chestnuts planted to replace previously removed trees), to become established for five years before potentially other trees may require removal due to stability issues, monitoring to take place).

The replacement trees to be adequately staked, protected by tree guards and regularly watered in dry months until fully established.

Please inform the Local Planning Authority as soon as replanting has taken place and indicate the position of the replacement tree (s) . 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 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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RIGHTS OF APPEAL:

Where an application is made to the Authority for consent and that consent is refused or is granted subject to conditions the applicant, if aggrieved by the decision, may appeal to the Planning Inspectorate (PiNS). Appeals must be received by the PiNS within 28 days of the Council's decision. The appeal should be made on the relevant TPO (consents) appeal form which can be obtained from PiNS. The form can be found on the Planning Portal website at:

www.planningportal.gov.uk/planning/appeals/otherappealcasework/treepreservation

Alternatively a form can be obtained by writing to The Environment Team, Room 3/25 Hawk Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Bristol, BS1 6PN or telephone on 0117 3728192

If you visit the Planning Portal web site you will be able to complete the appeal form adn return it to PiNS electronically via the email address:

environment.appeals@pins.gsi.gov.uk