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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
WORKS TO A PRESERVED TREE

Reference: H21-0286-25 **Date of Decision:** 7th May 2025

Applicant: Mrs V King
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Location: Orchard Bungalow Main Road Tydd Gote Wisbech

Description: Works to Tydd St Mary Preservation Order No 1 1957

Detailed Description:

Application to carry out works to a mature lime tree in the grounds of Orchard Bungalow, Main Road,Tydd Gote.

The tree is identified as T180 of Tydd St Mary Tree Preservation Order No 1 1957.

In the words of the Applicant:

'Due to the current ill state of the tree (its hollow) there is a risk that it could come down in strong wind. Therefore there is a risk to life and property due to proximity of the bungalow. We propose to significantly reduce the size by removing the top/weight of the tree.'

The proposed works are described in more detail below in an extract from the arborist report which accompanied the Application:

'Of major concern is the vertical wound that extends 2.7 m vertically up the stem to the crown break. It extends to 100 mm at the widest point and depth estimated to be 100 mm also. To reduce the risk of branch or complete tree fall it is recommended to heavily reduce the tree (pollard) to 5-6 m in height, leaving a branch structure or 'scaffold" to allow new growth, to commence forming a new crown. The length of the scaffold units should be 1-2 m. (to be determined by the climbing arborist).

All cuts to be made to sound wood.

Future maintenance will be required (2-3 years) to improve the crown by light pruning/training. Basal epicormics may be removed to improve the visual aesthetics of the tree.'

South Holland District Council hereby give notice that permission 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 Further maintenance works to the tree as described above will require a new Tree Works Application to be submitted, whenever the works are proposed.

Notes:

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

Other than the removal of dead wood lime trees should preferably be pruned in late July and August or alternatively in the autumn months. Avoid pruning from the end of January onwards, as the 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 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.

The tree will require careful monitoring prior to works taking place, to be sure no Protected Species will be immediately affected; this may affect the timing of the works.



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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:

https://www.gov.uk/appeal-decision-about-tree-order

Alternatively a form can be obtained by writing to Environment Appeals, Room 3A Eagle Wing, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Bristol, BS1 6PN or telephone on 0303 444 5000.

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

treeandhedgeappeals@planninginspectorate.gov.uk