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TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

Reference: H23-0747-19 **Date of Decision:** 27th September 2019

Applicant: St John The Baptist Church
Whaplode Drove
Spalding
Lincs
PE12 0TN

Location: St John The Baptist Church Chapel Gate Whaplode Drove Spalding

Description: Works to Tree Preservation Order No. 1, 1966

Detailed Description:

Application to carry out works on a sycamore tree in the Church yard of Saint John The Baptist Church, Whaplode Drove to the north west of the Church. The tree is within Area Two of Whaplode Drove Tree Preservation Order No.1 1966. Please see the plans accompanying the application.

(The description below shows what the Agent originally applied for on the application form, then his comments on further inspection and consideration, which are accepted as part of this application).

'Sycamore No.0081.
Pollard to approx. 25ft.
Main trunk hollow with further cavities / rot lower down.'

'On further reflection whilst staring up at the tree I would recommend that the tree be reduced by approx. 50% (40ft). This would leave some of the holes still in situ, and possibly look at putting some sort of cap over the top if open if required. If more of the hollow limb requires removing then I've seen it where that limb is cut off and strapped to the good part of the tree.'

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'.

Notes:

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

It is accepted that the tree concerned needs a substantial reduction to ensure that it has an acceptable level of safety in a public place. If the tree can be retained with some wildlife interest, this is to be encouraged, even to the extent of capping hollow shafts above holes and by fixture of removed limbs with nesting holes in them. A few branches left to slightly obscure the holes with foliage, may make them more habitable. If the resulting tree can still retain some visual amenity, which may be the case depending on the condition of the northern fork this would be encouraged if safety permits.

Pruning of sycamores should take place in late summer or early autumn. All pruning works to sycamores should be completed by mid-January to avoid problems of sap bleed.

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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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