



**SOUTH  
KESTEVEN  
DISTRICT  
COUNCIL**

## Planning Committee

11 June 2026



### S26/0568

Proposal:	Radial crown reduction to Horse Chestnut tree (T42) and removal of basal shoots and epicormic growth from Lime tree (T44) (TPO-223).
Location:	Grantham Tennis Club, Gonerby Road, Grantham, Lincolnshire, NG31 8HU
Applicant:	South Kesteven District Council
Application Type:	TPO Tree Application
Reason for Referral to Committee:	SKDC is Applicant and Landowner
Key Issues:	Impact on the amenity of the area, justification for the works

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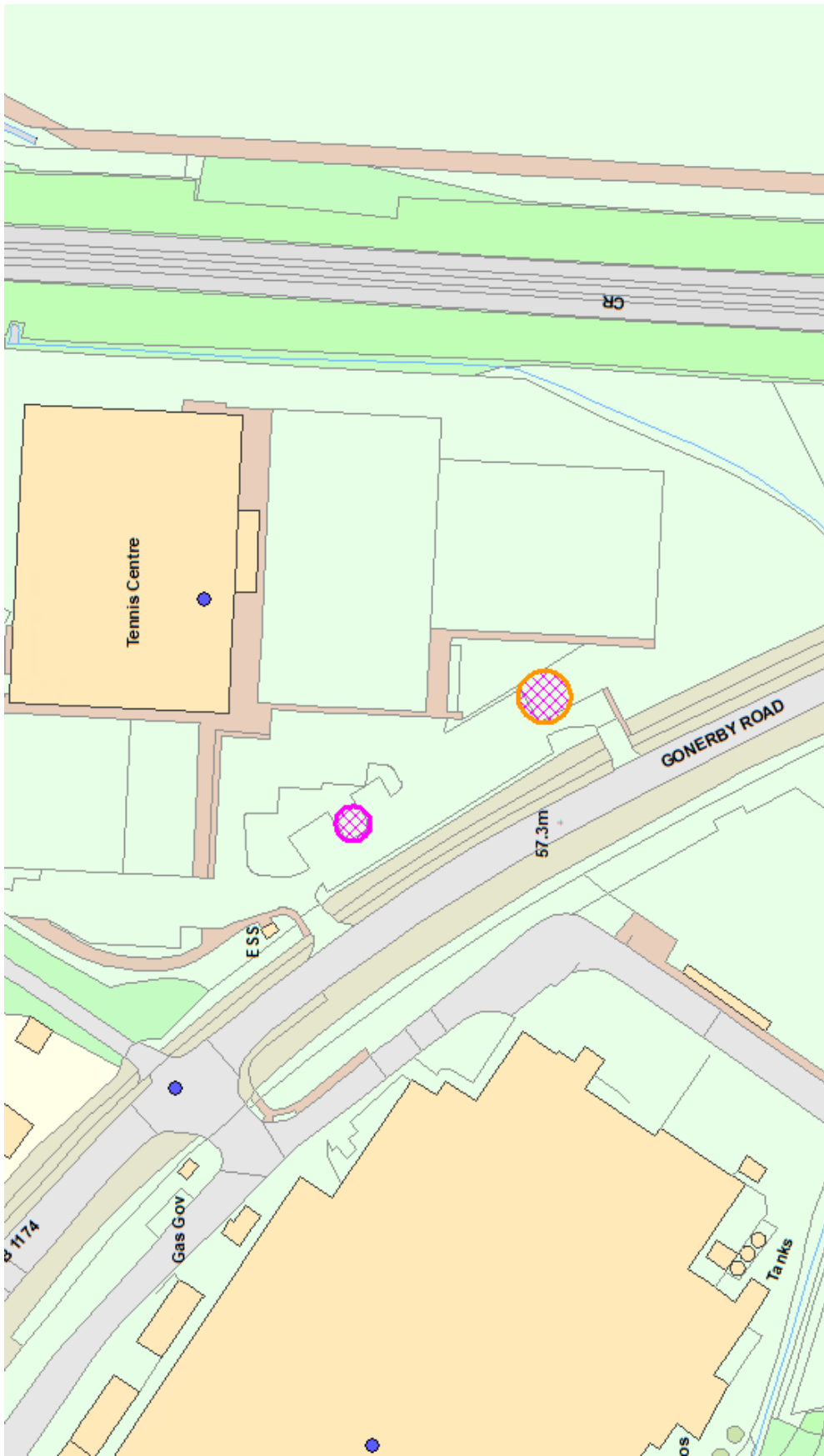
<b>Corporate Priority:</b>	<b>Decision type:</b>	<b>Wards:</b>
<b>Growth</b>	<b>Regulatory</b>	<b>Grantham Arnoldfield</b>

<b>Reviewed by:</b>	Phil Jordan, Development Management & Enforcement Manager	2 June 2026
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#### Recommendation (s) to the decision maker (s)

1. To authorise the Assistant Director – Planning & Growth to GRANT consent, subject to conditions.

# Grantham Tennis Club, Gonerby Road, Grantham, Lincolnshire, NG31 8HU



Key



Application  
Boundary



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## **1 Description of Site**

- 1.1 The trees are situated within Arnoldfield sports ground which is occupied by Grantham Tennis Club, a valued community asset, adjacent to the car park and readily visible from Gonerby Road. They form part of the original formal grounds, which date back more than one hundred years, and make a significant contribution to the amenity of the area.

## **2 Description of Proposal**

- 2.1 Radial crown reduction to Horse Chestnut tree (T42) and removal of basal shoots and epicormic growth from Lime tree (T44) (TPO-223).

## **3 Relevant Considerations**

- 3.1 South Kesteven District Council has a duty to assess the amenity value of the tree or trees that are the subject of this application and the likely effect of the proposed works on the amenity of the area. It must also consider whether the works are justified, having regard to the reasons advanced in support of them.
- 3.2 The Council must also consider whether any loss or damage is likely to arise if consent is refused or granted subject to conditions, and the extent to which the proposal would affect the amenity of the area. In determining this application, the Council is not required to have regard to the development plan. The application must therefore be assessed on its individual merits.

## **4 Representations Received**

- 4.1 Grantham Town Council Planning Committee has raised no objection to the proposal and has indicated that it is content for the matter to be determined in accordance with the planning officer's professional judgement.

## **5 Evaluation**

- 5.1 The Horse Chestnut has historically been subject to substantial limb removal in response to clearance and safety concerns. Those previous works have materially compromised the tree's form and condition, and it is now affected by extensive decay in an area of high public use. In these circumstances, the proposed reduction is considered justified in order to reduce risk to an acceptable level whilst seeking to retain the tree for as long as reasonably practicable.
- 5.2 In respect of the Lime tree, the proposed works are considered to comprise routine maintenance of a type commonly undertaken for this species. No objection is therefore raised to that element of the application.

## **6 Crime and Disorder**

- 6.1 It is considered that the proposal would not give rise to any significant crime and disorder implications.

## **7 Human Rights Implications**

- 7.1 Articles 6 (right to a fair hearing) and 8 (right to respect for private and family life, home and correspondence) of the Human Rights Act 1998 have been taken into account in formulating this recommendation. It is considered that no relevant Article of that Act would be infringed.

## **8 Conclusion**

- 8.1 Having regard to the foregoing considerations, it is concluded that the proposed tree works are justified, appropriate in arboricultural terms, and capable of delivering management and safety benefits whilst preserving the wider amenity contribution of the protected trees.

## **9 Recommendation**

- 9.1 That the Assistant Director – Planning & Growth be authorised to GRANT consent, subject to the conditions set out below:

1. Time limit for implementation: This consent shall remain valid for a period of two years from the date of the decision notice, or until the approved tree works have been completed, whichever occurs sooner. Reason: To ensure that the works are undertaken within an appropriate timescale, having regard to the time-limited nature of Tree Preservation Order consents under Regulation 17(1)(a) of the Town and Country Planning (Tree Preservation) (England) Regulations 2012.
2. Tree work standards: All tree works authorised by this consent shall be carried out in accordance with BS 3998:2010 Tree Work – Recommendations and the European Arboricultural Standards, Tree Pruning (2024).

Reason: To ensure that the health, amenity value and structural condition of the retained tree stock are protected through the application of recognised arboricultural good practice, and in accordance with the requirements of Tree Preservation Order No. 223.

### **Standard Notes to Applicant:**

In reaching this decision, the Council has worked with the applicant in a positive and proactive manner and has determined the application without undue delay. Accordingly, the decision is considered to be consistent with paragraph 38 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

