



**SOUTH
KESTEVEN
DISTRICT
COUNCIL**

Planning Committee

11 June 2026



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| Proposal: | <p>Tree ref 05R9, Quercus robur (Part of TPO group G5):</p> <p>1) Crown reduction to reduce total height from 22m to 20m (Extent of reduction = 2m)</p> <p>2) Removal of basal shoots and epicormic growth to 5m above ground level.</p> <p>Tree ref 05RC, Tilia sp. (TPO tree T15): Removal of basal shoots and epicormic growth to 5m above ground level.</p> <p>Tree ref 05RJ, Quercus robur (TPO tree T4): Crown reduction to reduce total height by up to 1m.</p> <p>Tree ref 05RN, Quercus robur (TPO tree T14): Crown lift to create 2m clearance above ground level.</p> |
| Location: | Amenity Area Adjacent to Hazelwood Drive And Gonerby Road (B1174), Gonerby Hill Foot, Grantham, NG31 8GZ |
| 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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Corporate Priority:

Growth

Decision type:

Regulatory

Wards:

Grantham Arnoldfield

Reviewed by:

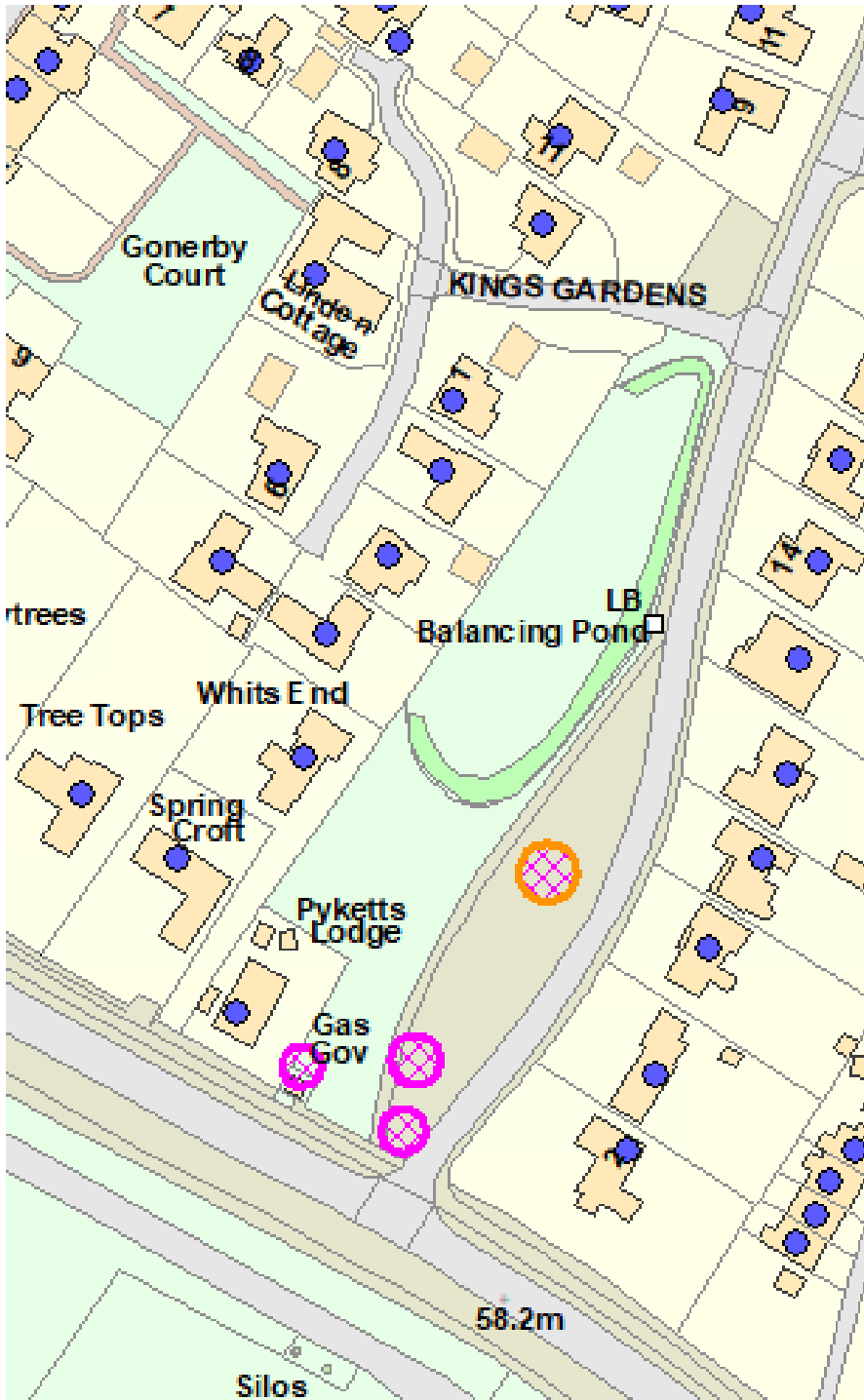
Phil Jordan, Development Management & Enforcement Manager

2 June 2026

Recommendation (s) to the decision maker (s)

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

Land adjacent to Hazelwood Drive And Gonerby Road (B1174), Gonerby Hill Foot, Grantham, NG31 8GZ



Application
Boundary



Key

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1 Description of Site

- 1.1 The site is an area of open space managed by SKDC, with clear public views from both Hazelwood Drive and Gonerby Road.

2 Description of proposal

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3 Relevant Considerations

- 3.1 South Kesteven District Council (SKDC) has a duty to assess the value of the tree(s) subject to this application and the likely impact of the proposal on the amenity of the area. It must consider whether the proposal is justified, having regard to the reasons put forward in support of it.
- 3.2 The Council must consider whether any loss or damage is likely to arise if consent is refused or granted subject to conditions, and whether the proposal would impact on the amenity of the area. In determining an application, SKDC is not required to have regard to the local development plan. Each application will be considered on its merits.

4 Representations Received

- 4.1 No comments have been received in support of, or in objection to, the application.

5 Evaluation

- 5.1 The trees have historically been topped, as defined by the ISA (International Society of Arboriculture). This has resulted in extensive decay in the mid to upper crown over a high target area. The proposal seeks to address these concerns.
- 5.2 The application has been submitted by the Council's Tree Officer, who has advised that the works are necessary for public and road safety, and for maintenance access.
- 5.3 The proposed tree works are reasonable and justified. They would not harm the visual amenity of the area and are recommended in the interests of good arboricultural practice and public safety.
- 5.4 Subject to the proposed conditions, it is considered that the works would not harm the visual amenity of the area and would provide clear public safety benefits.

6 Crime and Disorder

- 6.1 It is considered that the proposal would not result in 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 making this recommendation. It is considered that no relevant Article of that Act would be breached.

8 Conclusion

- 8.1 Taking the above into account, it is considered that the proposed tree works are appropriate, justified and beneficial in arboricultural and public safety terms.

9 Recommendation

- 9.1 To authorise the Assistant Director – Planning & Growth to GRANT consent, subject to the following conditions:

1. Time limit for implementation The consent is valid for a period of two years from the date of this decision notice, or until the completion of the approved tree works, whichever occurs first. Reason: To ensure the works are undertaken within a reasonable period, reflecting the time-limited nature of Tree Preservation Order consents as required by 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 the health, amenity value and structural integrity of the protected tree(s) are safeguarded in accordance with best arboricultural practice.

Standard Note(s) to Applicant:

In reaching the decision the Council has worked with the applicant in a positive and proactive manner by determining the application without undue delay. As such it is considered that the decision is in accordance with paragraph 39 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

TREE LOCATION PLAN

Hazelwood Drive - Location of trees proposed for pruning (outlined red)

