



**SOUTH
KESTEVEN
DISTRICT
COUNCIL**

Planning Committee

11 June 2026



S26/0454

Proposal:	Crown lift to provide minimum of 3m height clearance over the access road and footpath, measured from ground level. Restricted to the removal of branches to maximum of 75mm diameter. (TPO-337).
Location:	Belton Lane, Grantham, NG31 9PR
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 Harrowby

Reviewed by:

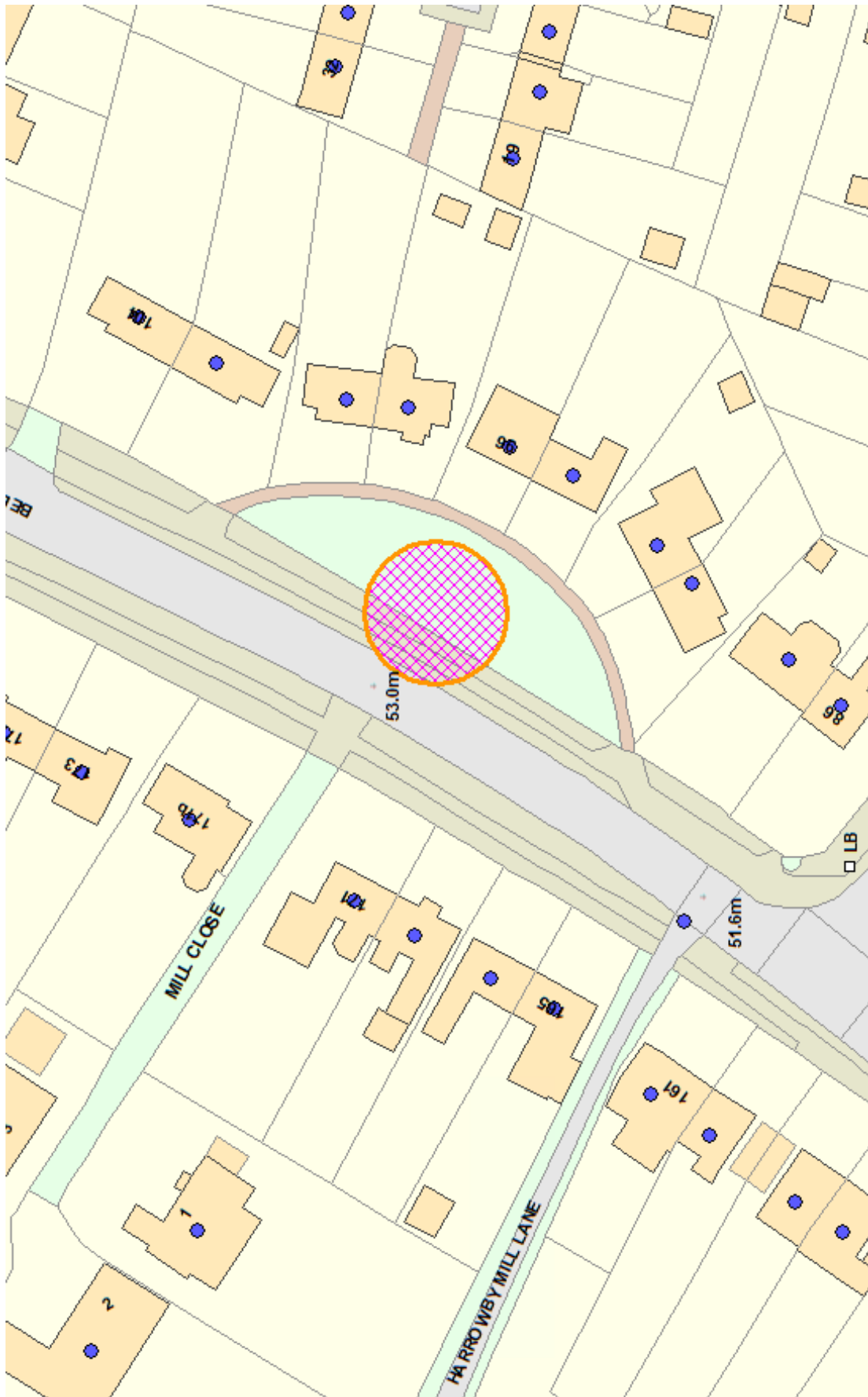
Phil Jordan, Development Management & Enforcement Manager

2 June 2026

Recommendation (s) to the decision maker (s)

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

Amenity Area Adjacent to Belton Lane, Grantham, NG31 9PR



Key



**Application
Boundary**



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1 Description of Site

- 1.1 “Grantham Oak” is registered as an Ancient Tree with the Woodland Trust, located immediately adjacent to Belton Lane, and is a significant tree important to the history and character of the area.

2 Description of proposal

- 2.1 Crown lift to provide minimum of 3m height clearance over the access road and footpath, measured from ground level. This is proposed to be restricted to the removal of branches to maximum of 75mm diameter.

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 it will impact on the amenity of the area. In deciding an application, SKDC is not required to have regard to the local development plan. Each application will be treated on its merits.

4 Representations Received

- 4.1 Grantham Town Council made comments neither objecting to nor supporting the planning application.

5 Evaluation

- 5.1 It is considered that the proposed works constitute minor works and have been requested to allow reasonable access and maintenance of the grounds.

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 (Rights to fair decision making) and Article 8 (Right to private family life and home) of the Human Rights Act have been taken into account in making this recommendation. It is considered that no relevant Article of that act will be breached.

8 Conclusion

- 8.1 Taking the above into account, it is considered that the proposed tree works would be appropriate and would not result in any harm to the amenity of the area.

9 Recommendation

- 9.1 To authorise the Assistant Director – Planning & Growth to GRANT consent, subject to conditions:
1. Time Limit for Implementation. This 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 in a timely manner, 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 Works Standards. All tree works authorised by this consent shall be carried out in accordance with BS 3998:2010, Tree Work – Recommendations, and European Arboricultural Standards, Tree Pruning 2024. Reason: To ensure the health, amenity value, and structural stability of the tree(s) are preserved in accordance with best arboricultural practice and the statutory requirements of Tree Preservation Order No. 337.

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 38 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

TREE LOCATION PLAN

