



**SOUTH  
KESTEVEN  
DISTRICT  
COUNCIL**

## Planning Committee

11 June 2026



### S26/0469

Proposal:	Remove four ash trees and one hawthorn tree to ground level, remove deadwood and regrowth from one ash tree, and remove regrowth from three ash trees and one oak tree.
Location:	Green Lane Footpath, Grantham
Applicant:	South Kesteven District Council
Application Type:	TPO Tree Application
Reason for Referral to Committee:	SKDC is the applicant and landowner
Key Issues:	Impact on the amenity of the area Justification for the works

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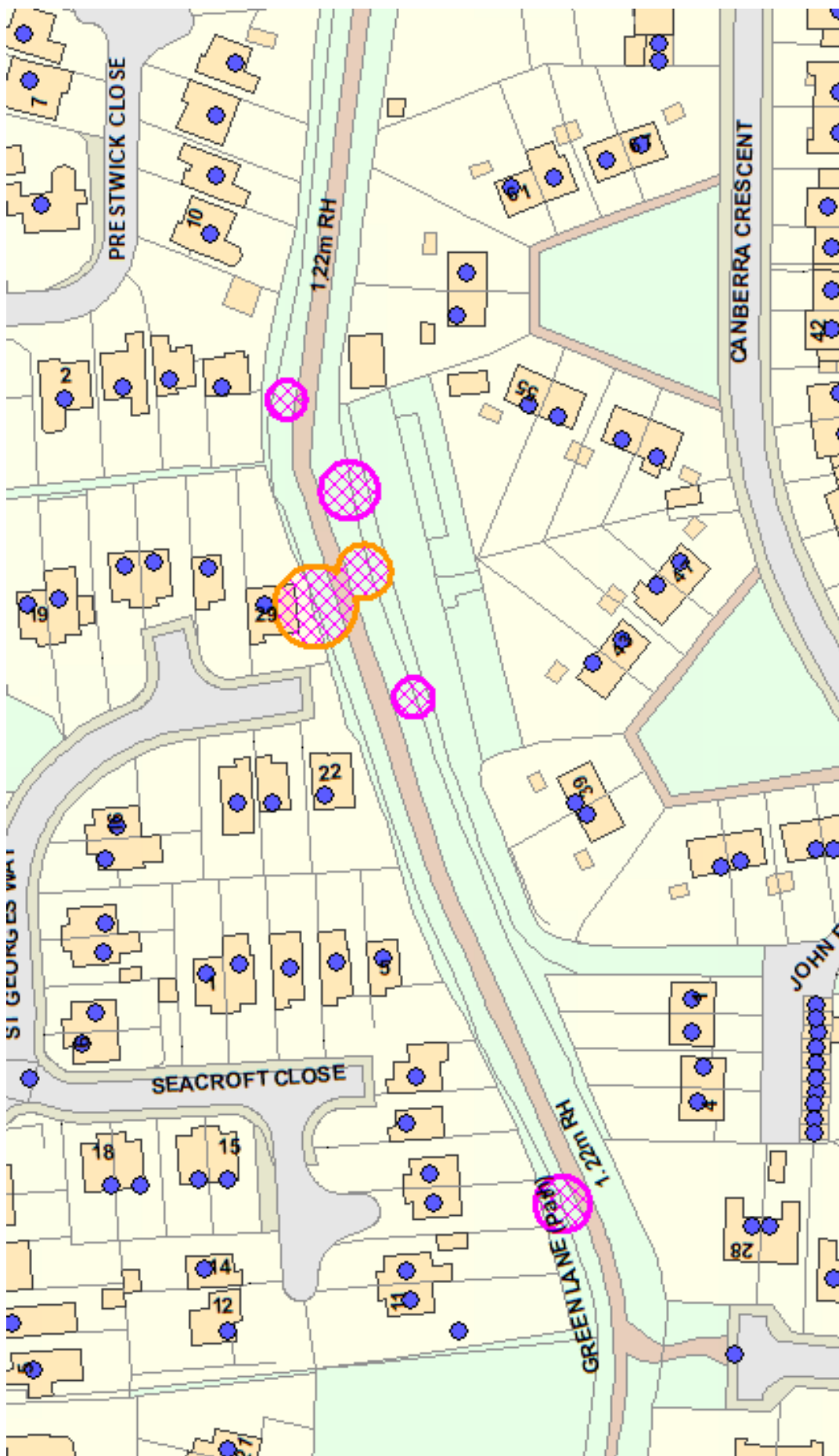


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<b>Corporate Priority:</b>	<b>Decision type:</b>	<b>Wards:</b>
<b>Growth</b>	<b>Regulatory</b>	<b>Grantham Harrowby</b>
<b>Reviewed by:</b>	Phil Jordan, Development Management & Enforcement Manager	2 June 2026
<b>Recommendation(s) to the decision-maker(s)</b>		

**To authorise the Assistant Director – Planning & Growth to grant consent, subject to conditions**

# Green Lane Footpath, Grantham, NG31 9GL



Key



Application  
Boundary



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## **1 Description of Site**

- 1.1 The site is shown on historic mapping from the 1800s as a wooded lane and was protected by a Tree Preservation Order in 1992 as the surrounding fields were developed. It now forms an important green corridor within a densely urbanised area and makes a strong contribution to local amenity and character.

## **2 Description of Proposal**

- 2.1 The application seeks consent to remove four ash trees and one hawthorn tree to ground level, remove deadwood and regrowth from one ash tree, and remove regrowth from a further three ash trees and one oak tree.

## **3 Relevant Considerations**

- 3.1 South Kesteven District Council (SKDC) is required to assess the amenity value of the trees subject to this application and the likely effect of the proposed works on the amenity of the area. It must also consider whether the proposed works are justified, having regard to the reasons advanced in support of them.
- 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 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 proposal must therefore be assessed on its individual merits.

## **4 Representations Received**

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

## **5 Evaluation**

- 5.1 A number of trees within the district have historically been topped using internodal cuts, resulting in extensive decay and a marked decline in condition. A number have also become heavily colonised by ivy. While ivy can provide ecological value, if left unmanaged it may outcompete the host tree and contribute to physiological decline and eventual structural failure. In addition, some trees exhibit inherently poor form, whether as a consequence of past management or natural growth characteristics, thereby reducing their useful life expectancy. Taken together, these factors provide clear arboricultural justification for the proposed works, which are considered necessary in the interests of public safety and the ongoing management of the greenway for users.

## **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 the recommendation would not give rise to any breach of the relevant Articles.

## 8 Conclusion

- 8.1 Having regard to the foregoing considerations, it is concluded that the proposed tree works are justified and acceptable in arboricultural and amenity terms. Subject to the imposition of appropriate conditions, the proposal would secure necessary safety and management benefits whilst preserving the wider function, character and visual contribution of this important green corridor.

## 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. 294.
3. Replacement tree planting: Before the works hereby permitted are undertaken, full details and a specification for a proposal to provide replacement tree planting for the removal of four ash trees and one hawthorn tree shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The replacement tree shall comprise one specimen selected from the following acceptable species or genera: *Quercus coccinea* (scarlet oak), *Metasequoia glyptostroboides* (dawn redwood), *Tilia platyphyllos* (large-leaved lime), *Liquidambar styraciflua* (sweetgum), or *Taxus baccata* (English yew). The tree shall be nursery grown, with a container size of at least 40 litres, a girth of 20–25 cm measured 1 m above ground level, and a height of at least 2 m. It shall be planted as close as reasonably practicable to the original tree location during the first available planting season (1 September 2026 to 31 March 2028), with a hydration sack and 75 mm depth of organic bark mulch. The tree shall be watered a minimum of 13 times per year (fortnightly from April to September) for five years. If it dies, becomes diseased, or fails to establish, it shall be replaced with a tree of the same species and specification in the next planting season. The Local Planning Authority shall be informed in writing once the replacement tree has been planted.

Reason: In the interests of visual amenity and to maintain tree cover at the site following the removal of protected trees, in accordance with section 206 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990.

### Standard Note(s) 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.

### TREE LOCATION PLAN



