



**SOUTH  
KESTEVEN  
DISTRICT  
COUNCIL**

## Planning Committee

07 November 2024



### S24/1620

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| Proposal:                         | Annual removal of basal shoots and epicormic growth on lower stems to heights of 2m to lime trees T3- T10, T13-T15 and T17 with the addition of crown lift to 6m T9 only |
| Location:                         | St Wulfram's Church, Church Street, Grantham, Lincolnshire, NG31 6SR   |
| Applicant:                        | Mr Andrew Igoea  |
| Application Type:                 | TPO Tree Application   |
| Reason for Referral to Committee: | SKDC is Applicant and Landowner  |
| Key Issues:                       | Impact on the amenity of the area<br>Justification for the works   |

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**Corporate Priority:**

**Growth**

**Decision type:**

**Regulatory**

**Wards:**

**Grantham St Wulfram's**

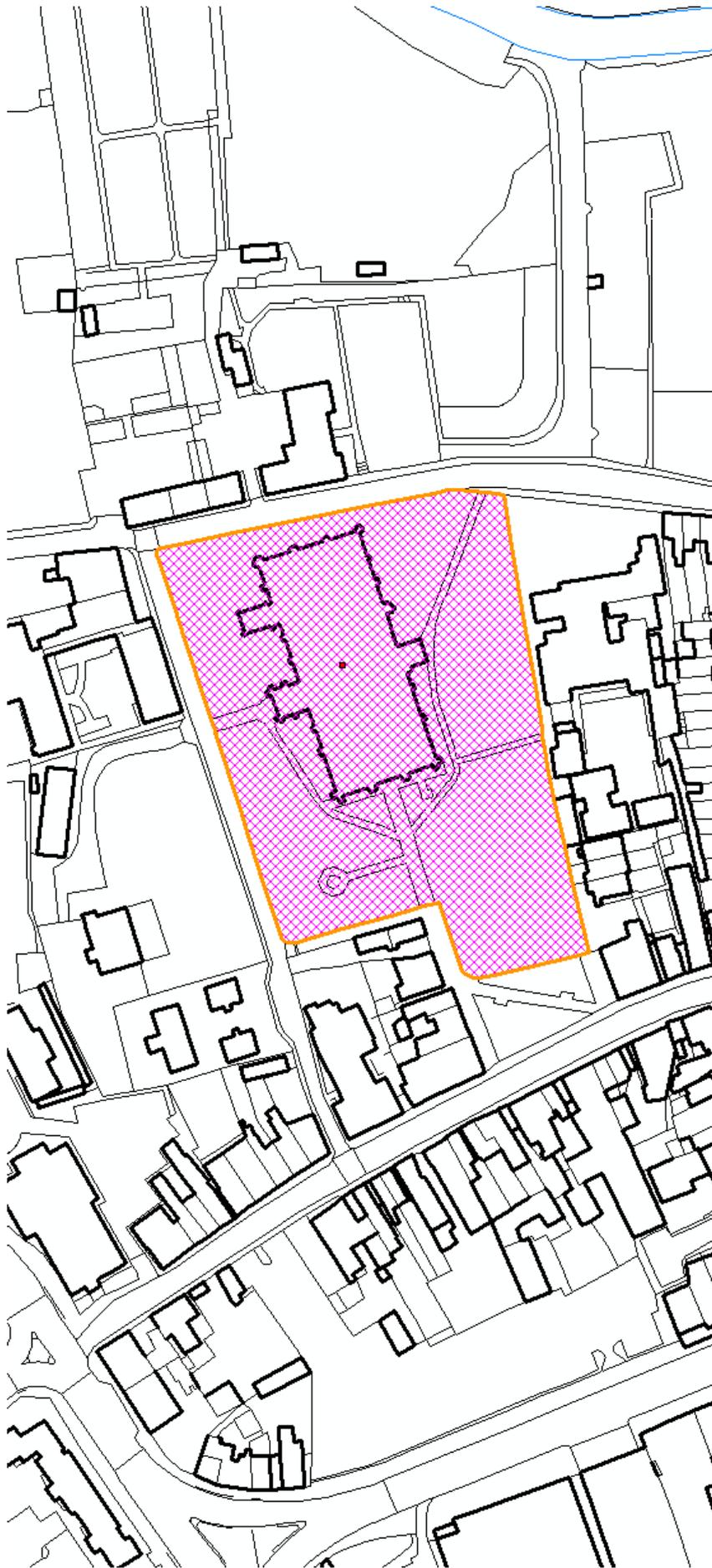
**Reviewed by:**

Adam Murray, Principal Planning Officer

28 October 2024

#### Recommendation (s) to the decision maker (s)

To authorise the Assistant Director – Planning to GRANT Consent, subject to conditions.



Key



Application  
Boundary



## **1 Description of Site**

The application site is situated on the grounds of St Wulfram's Church running along Church Street and Castlegate. The site also situated within Grantham Conservation Area. The site is the subject to Tree Preservation Orders.

## **2 Description of proposal**

Annual removal of basal shoots and epicormic growth on lower stems to heights of 2m to lime trees T3- T10, T13-T15 and T17 with the addition of crown lift to 6m T9 only

## **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 or not the proposal is justified having regard to the reasons put forward in support of it.

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 are not required to have regard to the local development plan. Each application will be treated on its merits.

## **4 Representations Received**

- 4.1 There were no representations received for the proposal.

## **5 Evaluation**

- 5.1 The application has been submitted by the Council's Tree Officer, who has advised that the works have been identified as necessary for highways safety reasons.
- 5.2 The proposed tree works are a reasonable and are justified. There would not be any harm to the visual amenity of the area as a result of the proposed works that are recommended to be undertaken in the interests of good arboricultural practice and highways safety.
- 5.3 Subject to the conditions proposed it is considered that the works would not result in any harm to the visual amenity of the area and there would be clear public safety benefits from the proposed works.

## **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**

Taking the above into account, it is considered that the proposed tree works would be appropriate and would provide a benefit.

## **9 Recommendation**

To authorise the Assistant Director-Planning to GRANT consent, subject to conditions:

1. Crown lifting to T9 shall be to a maximum height above ground level of 6m. This work shall involve the removal of low branches to the height specified and result in a tree of balanced appearance. Those branches to be removed shall be cut at their origin and all branch collars shall be left intact. Climbing irons or 'spikes' shall not be used and the works shall have regard to the BS3998 (2010) Tree Work-Recommendations.

Reason: In the interests of visual amenity and tree health and for the avoidance of doubt.

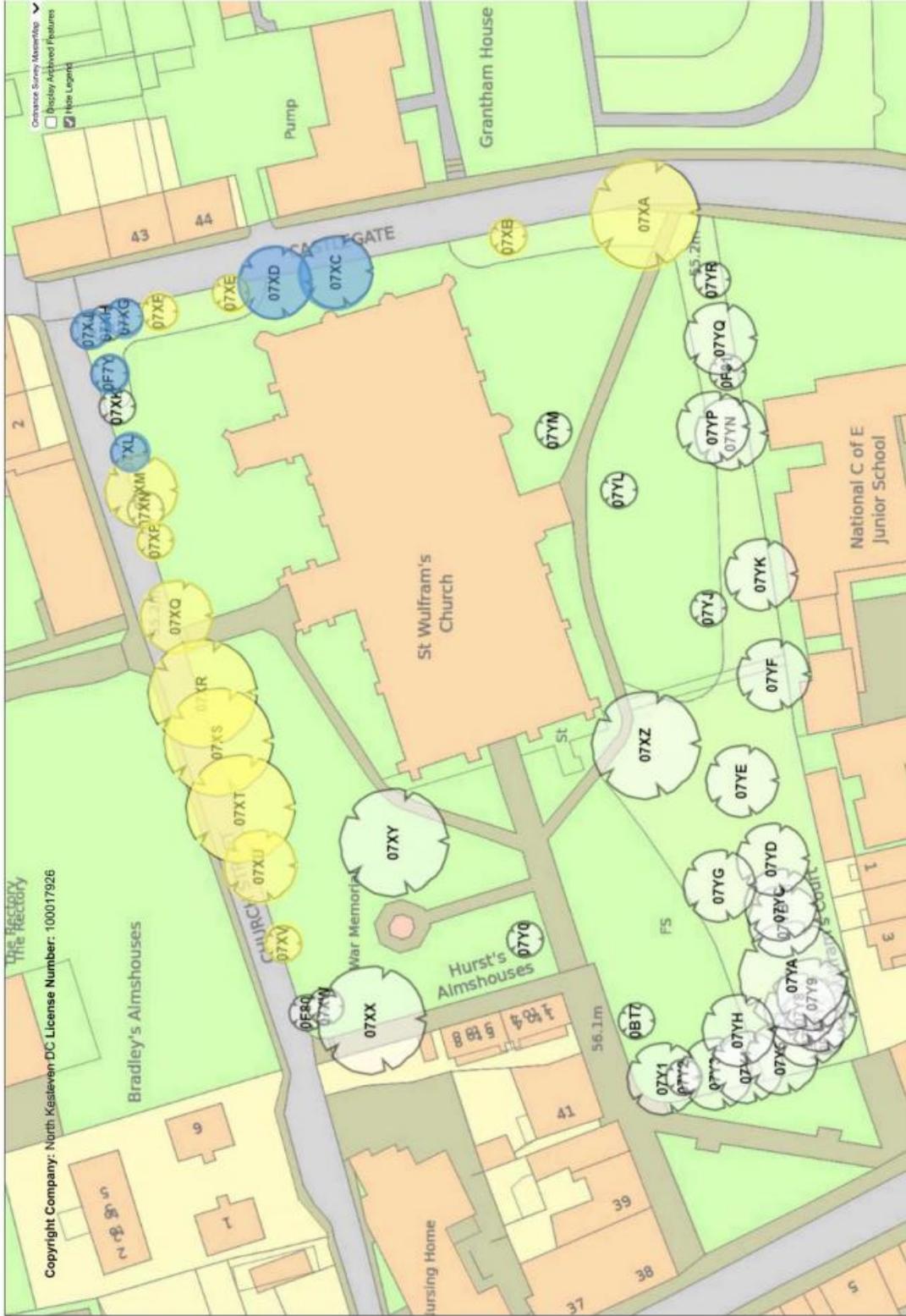
**Standard Note(s) to Applicant:**

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 paras 38 of the National Planning Policy Framework.

# TREE LOCATION PLAN

20/09/2024

Tree Locations (ref: SWC 001)



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-  = TPO application
-  = Conservation notification