

Planning Officer: Mr F Gardner

Planning Application Ref: **AW/112/20/T**

Location: **Aldwick Farm, Aldwick Road, Bognor Regis, PO21 3RN**

Description of works: **Crown lift 1No. lime tree (T1) to 5m above ground level and reduce lateral growth back by 2m up to a height of 7m**

Reason given: **Casting excessive shade onto neighbouring property**

Comments on Application:

Lime / *Tilia* sp. Height: 15-20m Spread: 0-5m Age class: Mature

- This tree was assessed from several aspects at a distance sufficient only to determine visual amenity value and general physiological condition.
- Outwardly it appears to be in a fine state, of narrow form and with an attractive crown profile. It is somewhat confined by surrounding development (mostly residential) so that it has considerable presence over the same but limited visibility from publicly accessible land
- The applicant has employed Chichester Tree Services as agent, who have provided an annotated photograph of the above tree that both illustrates and describes a detailed work proposal, which meets the requirements of British Standard 3998:2010 – Tree Work.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds as it seeks to strike a balance between the tree's influence and potential impact on surrounding residential property and the need to retain trees with dignity by having respect for natural tree form.
- If the work is undertaken at the right time and to a high standard it will incur no loss of public amenity.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **CONSENT** for this application, subject to the following condition:

Condition to Be Applied to Approved Work: -

- Part a) Where whole branches are to be removed and final cuts made close to the trunk or branch union they are to be made as shown in Figure 2 of BS3998:2010
- Part b) Where branches are to be shortened back the final cuts are to be made at the correct angle shown in BS3998:2010 and adjacent to a live bud or lateral.

Reasons: In the interest of the tree's continued health and vitality and to accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice.

- See also the standard pruning guidance notes issued with the consent letter

Mark Warwick
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