

**Planning Officer:** Charlotte Burrows

**Planning Application Ref:** **AW/196/18/T**

**Location:** **11 Hunters Close, Aldwick PO21 5HR**

**Description of works:** **5m Crown Lift & 1.5m Crown Reduction to 1No. Lime**

**Reasons Given:** None given

**Comments on Application:**

**Lime, large-leaved**      *Tilia platyphyllos*      Height: Approx. 15m      Average spread: 5m      Age: Early-mature

- This tree appears to be in a fine physiological state, free of significant structural defect and with an attractive crown profile. It occupies a discreet position on the estate but is a prominent feature tree within the close and visible from surrounding properties.
- Low branches above the carriageway may become an obstruction to high-sided vehicles accessing several properties.

**Conclusion:**

- No obvious reason for/or evidence submitted - to justify the crown reduction element of this work proposal.
- Crown lifting is assumed to apply to all aspects of the tree unless otherwise specified. The extent proposed (5metres) is around the maximum permitted by (and may exceed) the recommendations of British Standard 3998:2012 – Tree Work.
- This tree is a significant feature in the local landscape and appears to be in adequately sound and healthy condition. The tree surgery proposed in the application would result in excessive reduction of the tree's landscape impact and undue detriment to the visual amenities of the locality.

**Recommendations:**

- I recommend **REFUSAL** for this application.

**Advisory:**

- If the applicant was to submit a revised work specification such as detailed below, I would be able to recommend **APPROVAL** subject to the conditions below. On completion, such work would achieve satisfactory overhead clearance above the carriageway and other aspects whilst preserving the tree's landscape and public amenity value:

1x lime

- Reduce or remove branches as necessary to achieve a maximum of 3m overhead clearance on all aspects.
- Reduce or remove branches as necessary to achieve a maximum of 5m overhead clearance directly above the carriageway.

**Conditions To Be Applied to All Approved Works: -**

- 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
- 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 interests of the trees continued health and vitality and to accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice.

Mark Warwick

Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team