

CONSULTATIONS

Arboriculturist

Consultations responses received:

Tree Officer

Species: Large leaf Lime *Tilia platyphyllos*

Height: 9 meters Average

Crown Spread: 5 meters Crown

Condition: good Form: good

Age Class: mature

Outlined tree lies in the area of Aldwick, which has high amenity landscape with young, semi mature, mature, and over mature trees specimens present. This tree as stated in the application has had a reduction about 5-6 years ago. This is evident from the site visit. It does appear this activity has been done on a cycle over a number of years as the pruning points have callused over.

This tree does appear to be responding to the management well, as there is vigorous regrowth, and the leaf size/density appears to be good. There are also no signs of decay/pathogens that have been introduced because of this pruning method.

It would be therefore my recommendation that this pruning operation should be allowed to take place, as this method of reducing has been established, and it should be maintained in the interests of the trees longevity and also reducing the risk of failure occurring.

Condition To Be Applied to All Approved Works: -

INFORMATIVE: Re-Pollarding (BS3998:2010)

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Comments on Consultation responses:

Comments noted

POLICY CONTEXT

Designation applicable to site:

Built Up Area Boundary

Tree Preservation Order 2/58

DEVELOPMENT PLAN POLICIES

Arun District Local Plan 2003:

PLANNING POLICY GUIDANCE

POLICY COMMENTARY

The above policies are general and, other than online Planning Policy Guidance under References ID 36-090-20140306 and ID 36-091-20140306, are not specific to trees.

DEVELOPMENT PLAN AND/OR LEGISLATIVE BACKGROUND

Section 198 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 states:

"If it appears to a Local Planning authority that it is expedient in the interest of amenity to make provision for the preservation of trees.... they may for that purpose make an order"

The works to the trees are to be judged having regard to amenity.

OTHER MATERIAL CONSIDERATIONS

It is considered that there are no other material considerations to warrant a decision otherwise than in accordance with the Development Plan and/or legislative background.

CONCLUSIONS

The Lime tree is sited to the front of No 11 Grange Court and is of significant height and spread and readily visible in the street scene and of public visual amenity.

The application seeks for a crown reduction of 3m-4m to previous pruning points. The Tree Officer has inspected the tree and has raised no objection to the pruning operation.

It is therefore recommended to approve the application, subject to conditions.

RECOMMENDATION

APPROVE CONDITIONALLY

- 1 The work hereby approved to the Lime tree shall involve:

Reduce crown 3m-4m back to the previous pruning points.

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Reason: In the interests of the trees continued health and vitality and in the interests of amenity.

- 2 The work hereby approved shall be undertaken under the supervision of the Local Planning Authority who shall be notified in writing, not less than 7 days before the work commences.

Reason: In order to ensure a satisfactory standard of tree surgery in the interests of amenity.

- 3 The burning of materials obtained by site clearance or from any other source shall not take place within 6 metres of the furthest extent of the canopy of any tree or group of trees to be retained on the site or on land adjoining.

Reason: To protect trees and vegetation from fire damage in the interests of the visual

amenities of the locality.

- 4 INFORMATIVE: The applicant should note that under Part 1 of the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981, with only a few exceptions, it is an offence for any person to intentionally take, damage or destroy the nest of any wild birds while the nest is in use or being built. Birds nest between March and September and therefore removal of dense bushes, ivy or trees or parts of trees etc. during this period could lead to an offence under the act.

- 5 INFORMATIVE: This notice does not give authority to destroy or damage a bat roost or disturb a bat. Bat species are protected under Section 39 of the 1994 Conservation (Natural Habitats etc) Regulations (as amended), the 1981 Wildlife and Countryside Act (as amended) and the 2000 Countryside and Rights of Way Act. It is illegal to damage or destroy any bat roost, whether occupied or not, or disturb or harm a bat. If you are aware that bats roost in a tree(s) for which work is planned, you should take further advice from Natural England (via the Bat Conservation Trust on 0845 1300228) or an ecological consultant before you start. If bats are discovered during the work, you must stop immediately and contact Natural England before continuing.