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Dear Stuart Polasek.

After visiting 10 Margaret Close, Aldwick, PO21 3AA to assess your trees I have put together the following report with recommended works to resolve issues they are causing.

T1 – Large Lime

This tree is approximately 20 meters tall, with an even radial spread of 5 meters all round, its even structure is a result of a heavy pollard approximately 5 years ago.

It is now at a size where the garden and house are being heavily shaded, an Oak below is growing laterally due to light being taken by the Limes canopy, this Oak would benefit massively from the Lime being pruned.

The trees health is in perfect order; it is dropping dead branches in high winds but other than the natural shedding of occasional dead limbs there is no sign of decease or fungus. Due to the nature of the last prune, there is a weak point where the regrowth has sprouted from the pruning cuts approximately 15m from ground level, the previous pruning cuts have callused over well but there will be included bark between the new stems, as these stems continue to widen they will push each other apart and eventually could fail in high winds, if this happens the failed limb would be in range of the house.

I recommend a re-pollard; this will involve removing all the new stems back to the previous pruning points allowing the tree to resprout next spring.

The tree is currently 20m tall and evenly spread 5m from stem to tip all round, after pruning the tree will be 15m tall with an even radial spread of 1m all round. These measurements are estimated, the pruning points from the last pollard will be followed so the trees final size can be seen by looking at these old pruning cuts.

T2 – English Oak

This this tree is approximately 8 meters tall and as mentioned above is growing laterally because of the Lime blocking light. It spreads 7m to the north and east, 4m to the south and west.

It is in perfect health showing no signs of disease or fungus however it is structurally unbalanced.

I recommend reducing the north and east spread by 3 meters with target pruning techniques, doing this combined with the Lime pollard will encourage the Oak to grow upright, therefor balancing its canopy.

The final height of the tree will remain at 8m, the north and east radials will be 5m and the south and west will remain at 4m.

Kind regards, Luke Bentley.
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