

Planning Officer: Miss Z Toppin
Planning Application Ref: **AW/245/20/T**
Location: **Entrance to Aldwick Avenue, Aldwick, PO21 3AQ**
Description of works: **Reduce lateral branches to 2m on 1No. Lime tree**
Reasons given: Highway clearance for high-sided vehicles
Comments on Application:

Lime / *Tilia sp.* Height: 5-10m Radial spread: 0-5m Age class: Early mature

- I have considered this application by means of a desktop review, using the information and plans submitted as well as online resources.
- Outwardly this tree appears to be in a fine physiological state and structurally sound. It is a landmark tree both highly visible from numerous properties and to users of the public highway (footway and carriageway).

Conclusions:

- The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds.
- While a temporary loss of aesthetic value is inevitable, satisfactory canopy renewal and recovery should occur if the work is undertaken to a high standard and at an appropriate time of year.

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 interests of the trees 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

Advisory:

- The long-term vitality of this tree is best respected when significant pruning work such as proposed, is undertaken during the late spring to summer period (May to August). The work proposed should only be undertaken during this period.
- It appears that this tree may be under 3rd party ownership. We are therefore obliged to advise the applicant/agent that any consent granted by the Local Planning Authority does not by association give authority to undertake the proposed work without first seeking permission from the tree owner.

Mark Warwick
Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team

Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

