

Case Officer: Hannah Kersley
Reference: AW/86/22/T
Location: 37 Fernhurst Gardens, Aldwick, PO21 4BA
Proposal: 1no. lime tree (T1) - Fell and remove
Reasons given: Significant decay in main stem

Comments on Application:

Lime / *Tilia* sp. Height: 10-15m Radial spread: 0-5m Age class: Mature

- I have considered this application by means of a desktop review, using the information and plans submitted as well as online resources. Previous consideration from site (11 February 2022) and familiarity with surrounding areas provides further insight to the proposal.
- The applicant has employed Brushwood Tree Services as agent for this application. Their assessment is that the decay is both significant and excessive. My own assessment was limited to restricted ground level view but there was clear evidence of extensive stem decay associated with a historic wound (co-dominant stem or large limb removal/failure).
- There is two to four metres of upper crown growth since it was pollarded (c2016), appearing slightly stunted. It is likely that decay is affecting both vitality and structural integrity. It grows on the boundary of long rear gardens. As such it offers little public amenity.

Conclusions:

- It is reasonable to assume that the tree is towards (if not already at) the end of its safe, useful life expectancy. The proposed work is justified on arboricultural grounds.
- The large rear garden can comfortably accommodate a suitable replacement tree of similar ultimate size and longevity.

Recommendation:

- I recommend **CONSENT** is granted subject to the following condition:

Condition to Be Applied to Approved Work: -

Condition 1

Once the tree has been felled (and either grubbed or ground out) then a replacement tree is to be planted in the same place or nearby and to within 5metres.

This is to be of Selected Standard Nursery Stock proportions (10-12cm girth & 2m to 3m overall height) supported on a 'short stake' system with appropriate securing ties and pads.

It is to be planted within 12 months of the removal of the lime tree.

The species shall be selected from the following:-

Field maple *Acer campestre*
English oak *Quercus robur*
Lime, small-leaved *Tilia cordata*

- **Reasons:** To accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice in general.

Mark Warwick
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