

**Planning Officer:** Charlotte Easton

**Planning Application Ref:** **AW/91/19/T**

**Location:** **1 Margaret Close, Aldwick, PO21 3AA**

**Description of works:** **Crown reduction of 1-2m to 1 No. lime tree**

**Reasons Given:** Established cyclical maintenance plan

**Comments on Application:**

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| <b>Lime / <i>Tilia</i> sp</b> | Approx. height: 18m | Average spread: 6m | Age class: Mature |
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- This is a large tree with an attractive crown profile despite having been subject to several major crown modifications. Outwardly it appears to be in a fine physiological state and structurally sound although it would be prudent for the arborist employed to undertake a thorough evaluation of the main stem and branch unions.
- It is a landmark tree both highly visible from numerous properties and to users of the public highway (footway and carriageway) and so has significant public amenity value.
- It dominates the garden of this property and is in close proximity to the dwelling.
- Repeat operations such as now being asked for by the applicant will be necessary throughout the remaining life-span of this tree, to achieve a reasonable degree of structural integrity appropriate for its location. In the absence of any significant deterioration in its condition, the ideal frequency for repeat work would be in the 5-7year range.

**Conclusions:**

- If the work is undertaken to a good standard and at the right time; then it is unlikely to have an adverse effect on the tree's long-term vitality and visual amenity.
- The proposal to reduce its overall height and spread with a view to restricting its growth is justified and consistent with previous works approved by the Local Planning Authority.

**Recommendations:**

- I recommend **CONSENT** for this application, subject to the following conditions:

**Conditions To Be Applied To Approved Work:**

- The removal of crown material which has developed since the last operation must be done sympathetically and with respect to established 'knuckles' so as not to extend beyond the point of origin.
- 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.
- The long-term vitality of tree (T) 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 must only be undertaken during this period.

**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*

Mark Warwick  
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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

