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Tree health & safety assessment carried out at The Shrubbery, Upper Bognor Road on a line of 3 mature Lime Trees.

Assessment carried out on a clear hot day with little or no wind conditions, from ground level using visual magnification.

A line of 3 mature Lime trees measuring approximately 22 m in height with a trunk diameter at breast height of between 70cm to 100cm. These trees have an open & well spaced canopy structure & have benefitted from sympathetic tree care in their past. The crowns have been lifted, thinned out & had dead wood removed on a number of occasions.

The 2 most southerly facing trees are more dominant in overall size & volume. The tree at the North of the line is the same height but has less canopy than the other 2 due to position in the line which incurs significant shading. This tree has grown out to the North towards the housing next door & is now impacting on the building, making contact with the roof structure & blocking out a lot of ambient light especially when in full leaf.

I found no evidence of fungal infection or any storm damage.
There is significant sucker growth from the base of all 3 trees.

Possible tree care options :

1. Crown thinning.
2. Crown reduction
3. Pollarding
4. Removal.

This species of tree usually recovers well from heavy or hard pruning & can be vigorous in its regeneration.

I would support an application to remove the most northerly tree, this would create space for the remaining trees to grow into.

I would support a significant crown reduction to the remaining 2 trees (5-7m) or