

CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date of report: 31st March 2026

Case Officer: Jonny Cooper
Reference: EP/3/26/T
Location: 6 Lime Tree Close, East Preston, BN16 1JA
Proposal: Crown reduction to 1no. lime (T1) to leave a height of 5m and spread of 1m.
Reason: Continuation of cyclical pruning regime

Comments on Application:

Lime / <i>Tilia</i> sp.	Height: 5-10m	Radial spread: 0-5m	Age class: Mature
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I have considered this application by means of a desktop review, using the information submitted as well as online resources.

It has previously been the subject of whole crown reduction pruning, last undertaken c2016, from which it appears to have grown on well.

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.

Conclusions:

Repeat operations will be necessary throughout the lifespan of this tree to achieve a degree of structural integrity appropriate for its location.

There is sufficient extension of new growth since the last operation was undertaken and so the proposal is justified on arboricultural grounds.

Recommendation:

We grant consent for this application subject to the following condition:

Condition 1

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.

Part c) Where crown reduction work has occurred previously, the removal of subsequent growth (shoots and branches) and position of final cuts must ensure retention of all established knuckles.

Reasons: In the interest of the tree's 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

Informative:

Hard pruning creates numerous and/or large wounds, incurring a physiological stress which may affect long-term health and vitality. The optimum time for pruning lime trees is late spring to summer (May to August).

Mark Warwick

Tree Officer

Environment and Climate Change



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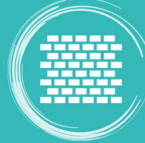
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Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

