

Planning Officer: Zac Denton

Planning Application Ref: FG/132/17/T

Location: The Old Barn, Ferringham Lane, Ferring

Description of works: 2m overall crown reduction on one Lime tree

Reasons Given: To keep tree at a reasonable size and clear route of cables

Comments:

Common Lime *Tilia europaea* Height : 18m Aveg Sprd : 7m Age : Mature

- A sound and healthy tree that is highly visible and makes a significant contribution in the landscape.
- It has been affected by the prevailing winds off the sea from the southwest and has an unbalanced crown form as a result. Crown growth was recorded thus –
North – 10m; East – 8m; South – 5m; West – 5m
- Previously reduced and reshaped.

Conclusions:

- The removal of 2m from the top is not an issue.
- However, to remove 2m all round will not address the crown imbalance and this tree does not need pruning on the south and west sides.

Recommendations:

- Recommend **APPROVAL** - I raise no objection to the reduction in height by 2m.
- I recommend **REFUSAL** for the overall reduction of lateral growth to all compass points by 2m as it will not address correction of the crown imbalance.

ADVISORY:

I suggest that the applicant resubmits seeking the following works to the lateral spread of this tree:-

North – reduce lateral spread by 3m

East - reduce lateral spread by 2m

No reduction for the south and west sides.

Conditions To Be Applied to All Approved Works: - [Once applicant resubmits].

- 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.*



Consultant Arboriculturist