

Planning Officer: Miss Z Toppin
Planning Application Ref: FG/138/20/T
Location: Glebe Gate, 19 Ferring Street, Ferring, BN12 5HL
Description of works: Re-pollard 1No. lime tree
Reason given: To preserve adequate level of structural integrity
Comments on Application:

T1 Lime / *Tilia sp.* Est. height: 15-20m Est. spread: 5-10m 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.
- The applicant has employed Arun Tree Company Ltd as agent, to prepare and submit a tree survey and plan. This is comprehensive and includes a detailed work proposal with satisfactory reason given.
- This tree is prominent at the front of the property and can be clearly seen from numerous residential dwellings and to highway users (footway and carriageway). As such, it has public amenity value.

Conclusions:

- Repeat operations such as now being asked for by the applicant will be necessary throughout the remaining lifespan of this tree, to achieve a reasonable degree of structural integrity appropriate for its location.
- 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.

Recommendation:

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

Condition to Be Applied to Approved Work: -

- 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) 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.

Reasons: In the interests 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

Advisory:

- The long-term vitality of this tree 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 should only be undertaken during this period.

Mark Warwick
Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team

Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

