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ARBORICULTURAL REPORT SUPPORTING PLANNING APPLICATION

1.0 Location

1.1 29 Links Avenue, Felpham, West Sussex PO22 7BL.

2.0 Trees

2.1 T1 – Small-leaved lime (*Tilia cordata*); T2 – Common lime (*Tilia x europaea*).

3.0 Appraisal

3.1 T1 – a full crowned mature tree; historically pollarded at around 5m; wound on stem above pollard point consistent with failed stem or large lateral branch; some deadwood within crown; emergent fungal fruiting body in buttress at base of stem.

3.2 T2 – minor deadwood within crown; prolific growth from dormant buds at base of stem.

4.0 Conclusions

4.1 T1 – the wound at the base of the large stem above the pollard point could lead to stem failure resulting in possible injury or damage to property; the deadwood doesn't represent a significant hazard; the emergent fungal fruiting body may be symptomatic of heartwood decay of the lower stem.

4.2 T2 – the deadwood doesn't represent a significant hazard; the prolific growth from dormant buds at base of stem is typical of the species.

5.0 Recommendations

5.1 T1 – re-pollard at original pruning points, to reduce risk of stem failure, and maintain a cyclical pruning regime to maintain as pollard.

5.2 T2 – re-pollard at original pruning points, to reduce risk of increased exposure leading to stem failure, and maintain a cyclical pruning regime to maintain as pollard.

6.0 Details

6.1 Inspection date - 17th June 2013

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