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PLANNING APPLICATION: FP/140/13/T

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BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Re-pollard at 6 metres above ground level, removing 9 meters of crown above pollard to 2 No Common Lime trees.

INSPECTION DATE: 10th September 2013

RECOMMENDATION:

Objection ☒

No Objection ☐

Suggested Conditions ☐

Comment ☒

Recommendation ☒

Abate a Nuisance ☐

Tree Replacement ☐

Dead/Dangerous ☒

CA & Amenity Value ☐

Comments:

The two Lime trees grow together and provide a good visual amenity in the street scene (see Fig. 1) and their loss would be noticeable.



Figure 1, showing both Lime trees in the street scene

I did not detect the presence of fungi at either tree's basal areas. However there was evident a juvenile developing *Ganoderma* fungi bracket. This is a parasitic organism and will destroy live supportive wood tissues. The fungi is emerging below the heavily decaying cavity of the main branching stem located at 3m from the ground of (T1) the Small Leaf Lime tree. This is a concern as it increases the likelihood of stem failure within a shorter period of time. The recommendation to reduce the tree to a 6m standing main stem height in accordance with the consultant's report is therefore acceptable.

The loss of T1's crown would expose the unevenness of T2 the Common Lime. Although there is a need to carrying formative pruning to T2, the cutting down to a similar height of a 6m high main stem is not recommended. It is preferably to retain the presence of tree height by recommending reduction of the crown by 5m to stimulate the production of an even and balance crown from an otherwise asymmetric shape.

RECOMMENDATION:

T1 as per tree consultant's recommendations cut to leave main stem height of 6m

T2 Reduce Crown by 5m, this should be carried out mainly from the North West with little to be pruned adjacent to T1. Wound sizes to be kept small restricting their diameter to 150mm or less.

CONCLUSION:

The tree work to T1 is necessary to abate a danger where a 5 days' notice to carry out the work is acceptable. If the crown reduction of T2 is unacceptable then the application for this work should be refused consent.

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