

CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date of inspection: 4th February 2026

Case Officer: Jonny Cooper

Reference: FP/3/26/T

Location: 14 Manor Copse, Felpham, PO22 7AT

Proposal: Crown reduction to 1no. lime tree (T1) to leave a height of 10m and spread of 7m.

Reason: Excessive shade

Comments on Application:

T1 Lime / *Tilia* sp. Height: 20-25m Radial spread: 5-10m Age class: Mature

From roadside this tree appears to be in a fine physiological state and assumed to be so in the absence of any statement or evidence provided to the contrary. It appears to grow within the grounds of 15 Manor Close and is prominent. As such, it has public amenity value.

Despite having been pollarded at around 10m height and subsequently reduced at around 20m; it presents an attractive crown profile. It was last given consent for whole crown reduction pruning in March 2023. This appears to have been acted upon shortly after, with 1.5m – 2.0m of growth now evident, beyond the established knuckles.

This proposal seeks to go far beyond the most recent operation, back to the original pollard points at c10m above ground level. This will more than halve the tree in height, creating large wounds across the main stem and limb framework.

Conclusions:

The proposed work has not been justified on arboricultural grounds.

The tree is a significant feature in the local landscape and appears to be in adequately sound and healthy condition. The tree surgery proposed in the application would result in excessive reduction of the tree's landscape impact and undue detriment to the visual amenities of the locality.

Recommendation:

As it stands, I am unable to support this application. I **would like the applicant invited to agree to a revised proposal for lesser works (such as described below) as part of the current application so as not to incur further delay.** Such work would go some way to addressing the applicant's concerns whilst ensuring no undue detriment to tree health or loss of amenity:

- *Remove small diameter branches back to established knuckles, to leave a finished height of approximately 20m and diameter spread of 8m.*
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If the applicant agrees to the above revision, then I would be able to recommend we grant consent, 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.

Part d) All pruning cuts shall not exceed 50mm in diameter.

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***

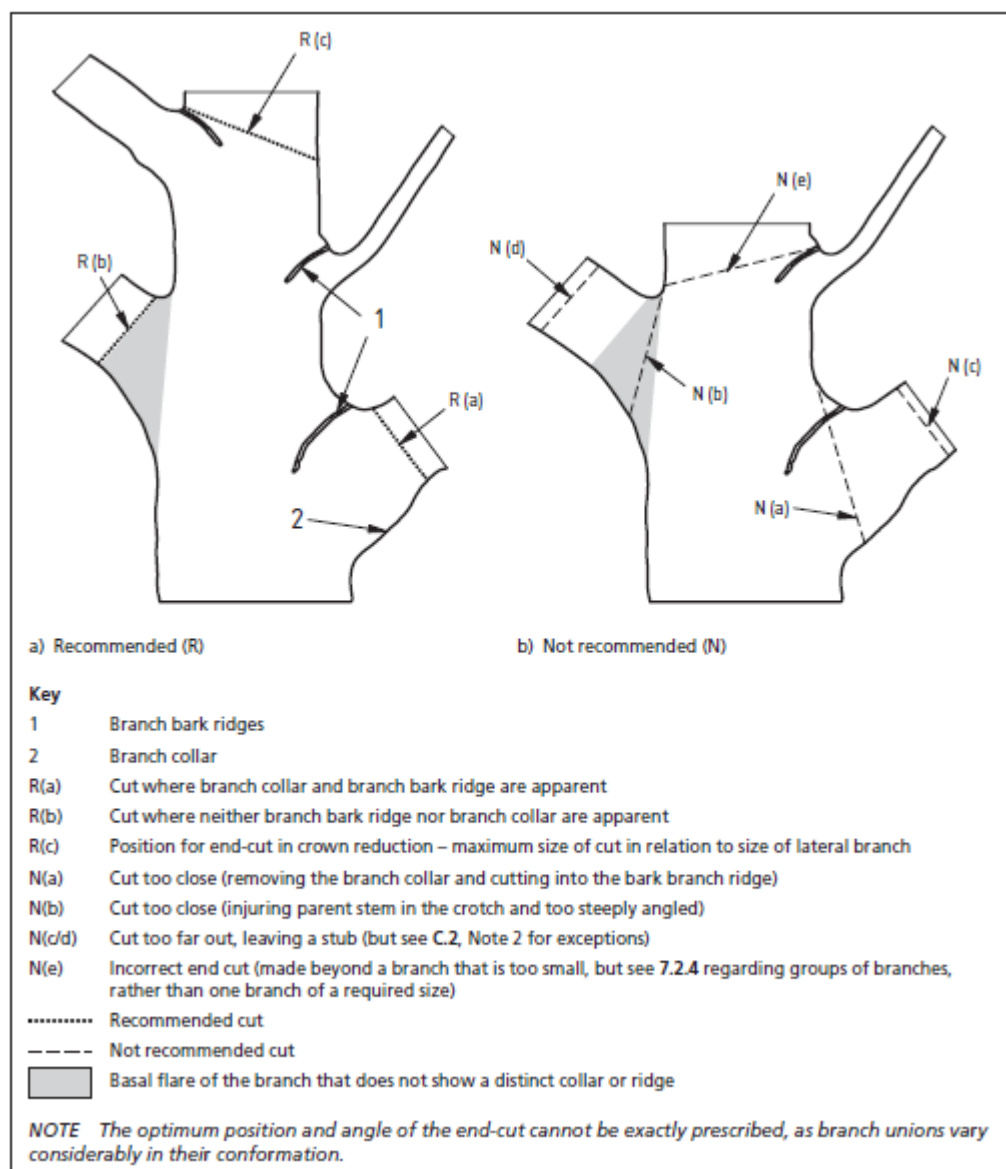
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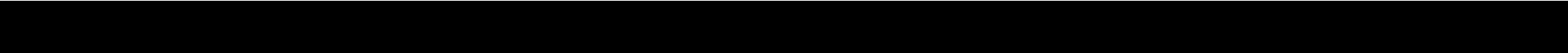
Hard pruning creates numerous and/or large wounds, incurring a physiological stress which may affect long-term health and vitality. The optimum time for pruning lime trees is late spring to summer (May to August).

Where an applicant is not the stated owner of the tree(s), permission must first be obtained from the landowner before operating beyond the boundary of their own property. Consent from the local planning authority does not by association permit approved works to be carried out in the absence of such permission.

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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts





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Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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