ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL Date: 04/09/2014

ADC PARKS & GREENSPACE ARBORICULTURE

FROM: Dafydd Lloyd **TO: James Smith**

PLANNING APPLICATION: R/186/14/T

ADDRESS: Wooded area land in front of 1 West Preston Manor Preston Paddock Rustington BN16 2AF

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Reduce crown of 1 No lime tree by 3.5-4.5 metres

INSPECTION DATE: 04/09/14

RECOMMENDATION:

Objection		No Objection	X	Suggested Conditions	
Comment	X	Recommendation	X	Abate a Nuisance	
Tree Replacement		**Dead/Dangerous**		CA & Amenity Value	

Survey:
Species: Lime *Tilla spp* **Height:** 23 meters **Average Crown Spread:** 5 meters
Crown Condition: good **Form:** good **Age Class:** over mature

Comments:

- This individual is located in the grounds of West Preston Manor in Rustlington. The estate has a rich mix of trees of different species, at differing age classes.
- This individual is a particularly good specimen, which has evidence of historic pruning which has led to the tree adopting a bit of a fastigiated form. The regrowth from the historical pruning points is about 4 meters in length.
- The position of this tree (next to an access road and about 15 meters from the main manor building), does mean if failure did occur, there is a higher chance of collateral damage being incurred. As this tree has been reduced in the past, it is important to manage the weaker regrowth (secondary) effectively.
- This tree does appear to be in good overall health, and is an important feature in the landscape. It is one of the first trees you encounter, once entering the estate.

Recommendation:

- **It would be therefore my recommendation that this pruning operation should be allowed to take place**, as doing so will reduce the risk posed to the surrounding structures/vehicles/members of the public. Also this activity (as it has been done once before) is the best practise for this individual, and should prolong the retention span.

P**lanning Conditions:**

Condition To Be Applied to All Approved Works: -
Where whole branches are to be removed final cuts close to the trunk or branch union are to be made as shown in Figure 2 of BS3998:2010 and all shortened branches are to be cut at the correct angle (see also 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.

Dafydd Lloyd
Arun District Council
Tree Officer