CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date inspected: 5th March 2024

Case Officer: Hebe Smith

Reference: R/18/24/T

Location: 6 Willowhayne Mews, Preston Paddock, Rustington, BN16 2AF

Proposal: Reduce radial spread from 7m to 5m and height from 15m to 12m to 1no. lime tree.

Reason: None given

Comments on Application:

Lime / *Tilia* sp. Height: 15-20m Radial spread: 5-10m Age class: Mature

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Outwardly this tree appears to be in a fine physiological state and stable. It is highly visible from surrounding properties.

This proposal seeks the repeat of an operation previously granted consent by the local planning authority. The tree has received successive pollard operations on a four-to-five-year cycle since at least 2010, last undertaken c2020.

Conclusions:

Repeat operations will be necessary throughout the lifespan of this tree to achieve a degree of structural integrity appropriate for its location.

There is sufficient extension of new growth since the last operation was undertaken and so the proposal is justified on arboricultural grounds. There should be no long-term detriment to tree health and amenity if undertaken to a high standard and at an appropriate time of year.

Recommendation:

We grant consent for this application 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.

Reasons: In the interest of the tree's continued health and vitality and to accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice.

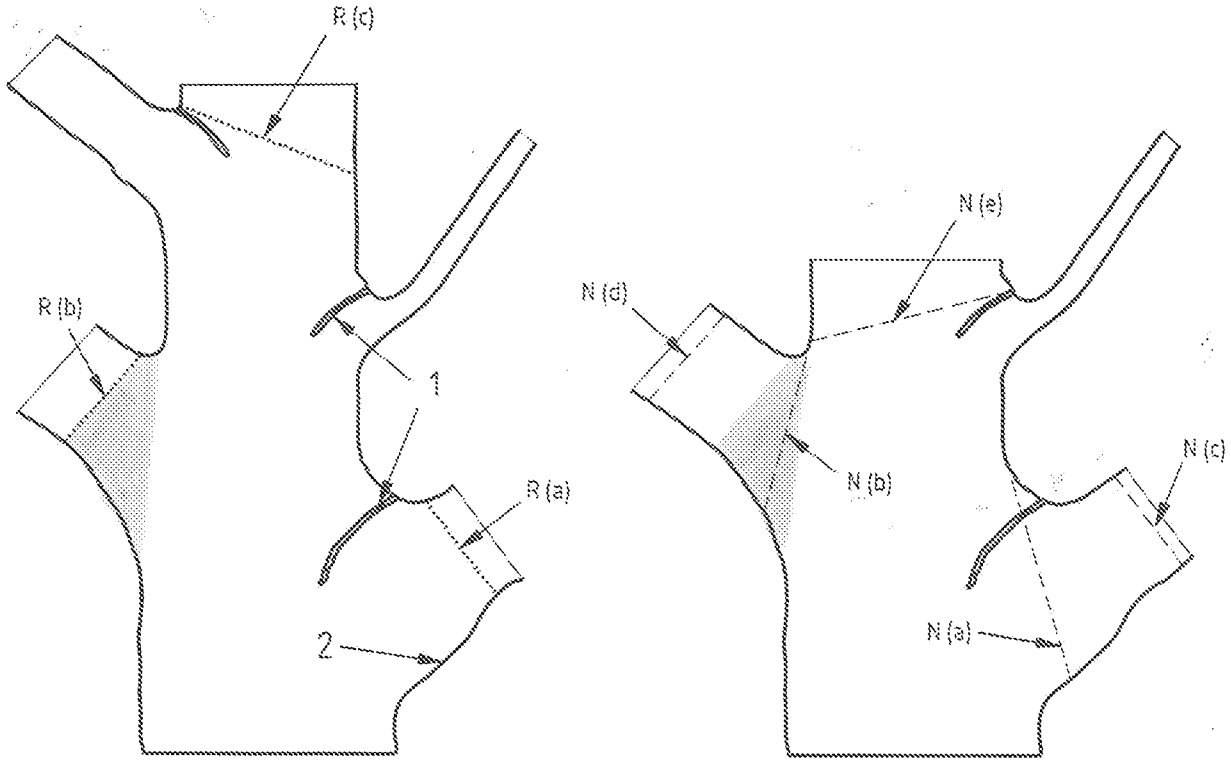
- ***See also the standard pruning guidance notes issued with the consent letter***

Informative:

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).

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Environment and Climate Change

Figure 2 **Positions of final cuts**



a) Recommended (R) b) Not recommended (N)

Key

1	Branch bark ridges
2	Branch collar
R(a)	Cut where branch collar and branch bark ridge are apparent
R(b)	Cut where neither branch bark ridge nor branch collar are apparent
R(c)	Position for end-cut in crown reduction – maximum size of cut in relation to size of lateral branch
N(a)	Cut too close (removing the branch collar and cutting into the bark branch ridge)
N(b)	Cut too close (injuring parent stem in the crotch and too steeply angled)
N(c/d)	Cut too far out, leaving a stub (but see C.2, Note 2 for exceptions)
N(e)	Incorrect end cut (made beyond a branch that is too small, but see 7.2.4 regarding groups of branches, rather than one branch of a required size)
·····	Recommended cut
– – – –	Not recommended cut
	Basal flare of the branch that does not show a distinct collar or ridge

NOTE The optimum position and angle of the end-cut cannot be exactly prescribed, as branch unions vary considerably in their conformation.

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