

Planning Officer: Harry Chalk

Planning Application Ref: WA/102/21/T

Location: Manor Lodge, The Street, Walberton, BN18 0PJ

Description of works: 5no. mature common limes (G1) remove the established clipped basal suckers from the base of each tree and return annually to remove new growth from dormant buds

Reasons given: G1 – To maintain a clear lower stem, increase light levels to garden and create space in borders for planting

Comments on Application:

G1 Lime (x5) / *Tilia x europaea* Height: 20-25m Radial spread: 0-5m Age class: Mature

- I have considered this application by means of a desktop review, using the information and plans submitted as well as online resources. Recent consideration from site (July 2021) provides further insight to the proposal.
- Outwardly and from a distance these trees appeared to be in a fine physiological state and assumed to remain so in the absence of any evidence provided to the contrary.
- The applicant has employed Beechdown Arboriculture Ltd as agent to prepare the application. This is comprehensive and includes detailed work specification with satisfactory reasons given.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds. These are high profile specimen trees of significant public and visual amenity and are to be carefully pruned to maintain reasonable enjoyment of residential property and with respect for natural tree form.
- There will be no loss of public amenity on completion of the proposed works.

Recommendation:

- I recommend **CONSENT** for this application, subject to the following condition:

Condition to Be Applied to Approved Work: -

Condition 1

The removal of basal shoots is likely to be required regularly and on an annual basis, throughout the trees' lifespan and would not be detrimental to their ongoing health and vitality. Future applications for the work as described above will not be necessary, providing the applicant gives 5 working days' notice to this authority before undertaking and ensuring that such work follows horticultural best practice.

Reason: To enable annual pruning of prolific basal growth to be undertaken without the need to gain prior approval from the local planning authority.

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