

Planning Officer: Miss Z Toppin

Planning Application Ref: WA/69/21/T

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

Description of works: 5no. mature common limes (G1) - remove small-diameter growth from dormant buds on the main stem between the clipped basal suckers and 5m above ground level. 1no. London plane (T1) - shorten tips of small-diameter secondary and tertiary branches from descending branches (by 1m to 2m) to provide 2m to 3m clearance above the roof and eaves of Manor Lodge

Reasons given: T1 – To gain adequate building clearance G1 – To clear stem base and allow more light into garden

Comments on Application:

T1 London plane / *Platanus x hispanica* Height: 25-30m Radial spread: 5-10m Age class: Mature

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

- Outwardly and from a distance these trees appear to be in a fine physiological state and assumed to be 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 for each item.

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: -

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.

Reasons: In the interests of the trees' 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

Mark Warwick
Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team

Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

