

Planning Officer: Amber Willard

Planning Application Ref: Y/5/18/TC

Location: 'Holmlea', Church Road, Yapton

Description of works: Various surgery to 3No. Lime trees within the Main road/Church road, Yapton Conservation Area.

Reasons Given: N/a

Comments on Application:

3x Lime *Tilia sp.* Average height: 14m Average spread: 5.5m Age: Mature

- Linear group of lapsed-pollard trees. One is set apart from the others, being located S of the outbuilding and more a feature of the property frontage. As such it is prominent and visible to through traffic. It displays a more upright and aesthetically pleasing form.
- The other two dominate the rear garden along its western boundary and are closely spaced, achieving canopy closure. These are viewed with difficulty from the main road and only by virtue of their upper crown profiles which have been allowed to grow out from their earlier pollarding regime. They are highly visible from surrounding residential properties.
- Low branches of relatively small diameter are beginning to interfere directly with built structures.
- The inferred <75mm threshold for exempt work is relevant when considering a tree's main stem diameter and does not apply to diameter of limbs and branches. That said, I am satisfied the applicant has subsequently clarified their intention to remove/reduce only small low branches arising from about the established pollard 'knuckles'.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed is necessary to achieve satisfactory clearance of outbuildings and permit reasonable use of the underlying garden area.
- These trees make a notable contribution to the character of the surrounding area. The work proposed will not diminish this contribution nor have an adverse effect on their vitality.

Recommendations:

- I raise **No Objection** to the works that have been applied for and see no reason to make a TPO in this instance.

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