

DC/23/4118/TPO | T2 of TPO No. 163 / 2003 1no. Lime (T2 on Order and plan) - Consent for repetitive pruning works as described in accompanying schedule and photographs | Gorse Cabin Riverside Waldringfield Suffolk IP12 4QZ

Tree warden's comments

The application is for work to the large lime tree (*Tilia vulgaris*) between the Sailing club and Gorse Cabin on the shore. The applicant (occupant of Gorse Cabin) asks to remove the sprouting branches from the trunk of the lime tree where these project all around the tree, overhanging the sailing club terrace area. On the gorse cabin side they overhang an area of lawn.

In addition the request is to reduce the ends of the overhanging branches from higher up the tree which arch downwards.



Photo 1 T2 from the beach



Photo 2 from the upper access point the lower branches sprouting from the trunk are seen screening the river.



Photo 3 from under the tree on the patio. Shoots off the trunk up to the larger pair of branches either side would be removed.

As the lower branches are sprouts from the bole the removal of them will have less impact than the removal of larger thicker branches which form the main structure of the tree. The outline of the tree from a distance will still be a pyramid shape.

The proposal to remove branches spreading downwards is less clear. It appears that these branches all start high up and have little impact on the use of the area below. The ends might be shortened by about half a metre to reduce possible shading. As there are several layers of foliage above them they will still be shaded however.



This view shows the lime tree as seen from the public footpath leading from the sailing club car park to Mill road. The lime tree is the tallest tree in this area. The proposed removal of lower shoots arising from the bole will in summer allow a little more of the river to be seen although growth of the hedge in front may screen this.

In conclusion I think the removal of sprouts from the bole of the lime tree will not detract from the appearance of the tree. The sprouts will re-grow so this operation might be need to be repeated every 2 or 3 years if new sprouts become large enough to be an annoyance. I would support removal of the sprouts and ends of descending branches to make the area beneath the tree more open and useable as it is not detrimental to the tree as far as I can tell.

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