

James Argles

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Dear Mr. Argles,

CON/2022/0392: 16 Milton Avenue N6 5QE

Thank you for notifying us of this application to reduce two Lime trees, stated to be some 20m in height and 650mm trunk diameter, by up to 6m.

The photographs make clear that they are a major landscape feature for the whole area, and we are surprised that trees of this size, landscape value and maturity are not protected by Tree Preservation Orders. While it may well be that their current size and proportions are the result of a failure to maintain their size to smaller proportions over a long period, we consider that a reduction of this magnitude, in one step, could be prejudicial to the trees' health and longevity. Not only would it involve creating large cuts in the trunk which would expose them to a significant risk of fungal and other infections, but we understand that the shock of such a sudden major reduction to mature trees could have a significant adverse effect on their health and longevity.

We therefore consider the proposed reduction to be excessive. We would therefore ask that they be placed under the protection of a Tree Preservation Order as a matter of urgency, after which your arboriculturist should, if reduction is still required by the applicants, advise on a programme of phased reduction which will ensure the trees' wellbeing.

Yours sincerely

Michael Hammerson
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