

Reasons for proposed tree surgery at 14 Prince Arthur Road, London, NW3 6AU

Proposal:

It is proposed to carry out tree surgery to three Lime trees in the rear garden.

At present, the trees are approximately 16m high. Their original pollard points are at about 4m high; their most recent pollard points are about 12m high; they have approximately 4m of re-growth from the last re-pollard.

This new application seeks to create new pollard points at about 8-10m high (effectively a 2-4m crown reduction from the last pollard points) and then allow the trees to be pruned back to these new pollard points every 2-3 years.

Reasons:

The trees are considered too large and out of proportion for this rear suburban garden. They drop honeydew, twigs and small branches onto the patio area and greenhouse beneath them. The trees were intended to be managed as low pollards many decades ago and it is only their mismanagement that has allowed them to grow into these large trees. Anecdotally, the property is in an area where high winds funnel through.

The proposed work will reduce the amount of falling debris and will reduce the sail area of the trees.

The two supporting photos show the approximate extent of the existing pollard points (red) and the proposed pollard points (green). Lime trees are very tolerant of such pruning.