

NOTICE OF DECISION ON CONSULTATION TO CONSULT TO FELL A HIGHWAY TREE(S) UNDER SECTION 96A OF THE HIGHWAYS ACT 1980

Proposal:	Fell 1 N° Lime
Reason for Proposal:	Subsidence claim from third party
Location:	[REDACTED]
W3W:	///nitrogen.outfit.grandest
Date:	21/11/2025

The following detail has been considered by the Tree and Woodland Team as part of a consultation with the Highways Team in relation to the recommended removal of a highway tree under Section 96A Highways Act 1980.

Arboricultural Assessment	Yes	No	Notes
Shrinkable soils – clay biased soils	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	High plasticity
Roots identified	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Tilia abundant to 2.5metres
Soil desiccation (significant drying beyond seasonal norms)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Not part of bundle though not considered critical in this case
Trees located within influencing zone	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Highway limes and smaller shrubs
Movement focus? Differential, season or/and poor foundation	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Property from and between points 4 and 5
Seasonal movement with minimal of 12 months level monitoring	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	March 2023 – June 2025 Points 6-8 indicate between 10mm and 24mm seasonal movement
Alternative options	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	None in this instance as a result of the level of movement.
Replacement planting	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	None planned

Officer Conclusion

- Significant pattern of movement to circa 30mm (point 5)
- Points 6-8 circa 24mm movement
- Indicative of longer term persistent desiccation over a two year period
- Removal of lime will reduce water uptake by a tree allowing for recovery of the soil
- No replacement planned in this location without root barrier and underground systems to produce a viable rooting zone