

Emma Rivett

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 27 April 2026 09:17
To: Emma Rivett
Subject: Re: trees.



Hi, just for reference. East Grinstead High Street 27/04/2026.

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Thanks for getting back...

That's a relief, as the avenue of green trees looks wonderful with the coffee shops and eateries along this bit of the high street. These trees have to be pollarded in Dec/Jan or at the latest Feb/March every few years, and as you know it looks pretty brutal as just the stumps are left. But this is good for the trees and also they would certainly become a nuisance. As the trees are now coming into leaf I had this horror vision of them all being cut back just as the summer season approaches.

Thanks again,

Andrew Trigwell.

On Mon, 27 Apr 2026 at 08:42, Emma Rivett <emma.rivett@midsussex.gov.uk> wrote:

Hi Andrew,

Many thanks for your email raising your concerns.

The letter you received is just detailing that the work to the trees has been applied for, rather than when the work will be carried out. I can only process it within the dates on the letter. Unfortunately, I have no powers to control when people cut their trees.

Kind regards

Emma

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Sent: 25 April 2026 09:19

To: Emma Rivett <emma.rivett@midsussex.gov.uk>

Subject: trees.

Hi, I received a letter concerning the pollarding of the lime trees, from numbers 22-32 in the high street.

Application number DM/26/0980.

Firstly, as an experienced landscape gardener of 35 years it is too late in the season to pollard these trees, as it would cause severe distress to the trees and greatly hinder future growth.

The ideal time would be between Nov-dec and / feb-march as the trees are dormant and so is the sap; but cutting them now the sap will leak from the cut branches and will reduce the trees energy reserves.

A light prune to remove any low/damaged/ overhanging branches can be done but heavy polarding will eventually kill the trees.

They also look great and provide a lovely 'avenue' of green outside the shops, coffee houses and restaurants.

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