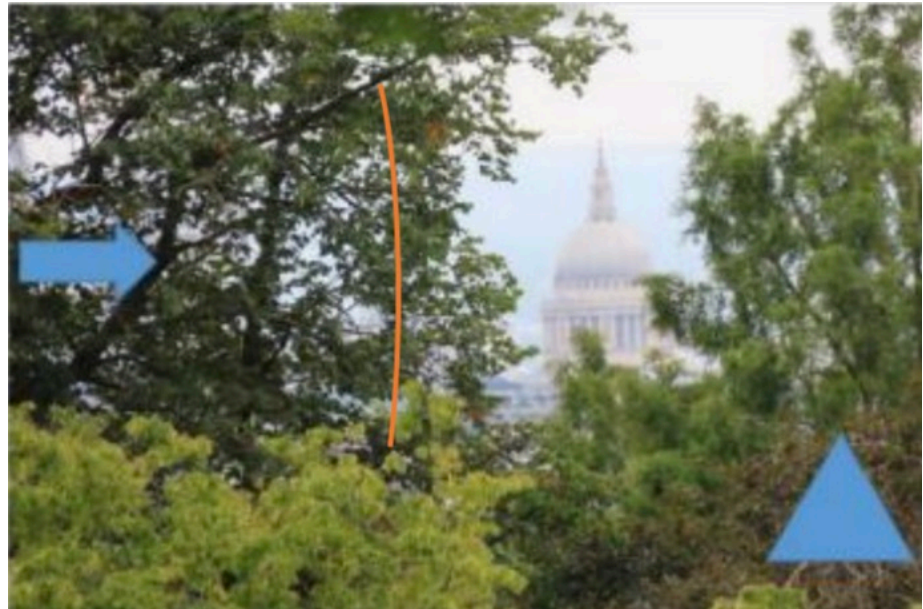


**Note re “Trees and views of St Paul’s from Waterlow Park arboricultural impact assessment – update (v2)” from Feb 2022 regarding alternative proposal for pruning lime in section 9**

The following was suggested as an alternative to more severe height reduction of a lime tree: “Through targeted pruning a view could be created that would blend into the leafy frame the tree canopy provides.” It was recognised that this would at best be a temporary solution due to grow-back.

(fig 1)  
This image was used in the AIA



The problem with this proposal, apart from its temporary nature, is that the sight line is unsuitable. This view is only visible when standing at the base of the silver birch near the top path. Take one step to left or right and St Paul’s vanishes. From the nearby path which is where a sightline is needed the dome of St Paul’s is hidden by the silver birch.



(fig 2) View on 28 Feb 2023 standing at the foot of the silver birch with the trunk immediately to the left. Note that the dawn redwood to the right is now taller than in the now old image above.



(fig 3) View after taking only one step to the right away from the trunk of the birch (as one would normally never stand so close to a tree unless leaning on it.).

(fig3) Same view as in fig 2 above but now from path which is where a viewpoint needs to be established. The arrow points to the hidden dome of St Paul's



(fig4) The map used in the AIA is shown above. The sight-line indicated is correct for the current proposal from the trees and views group which would require significant height reduction of a lime tree. It does not represent the alternative pruning proposal. The view in Fig 1 and 2 above is not from the position of the star but from immediately to the left of the black dot 'sequence 100 birch'.

Minutes of a meeting held on site on the 4th March 2022 to review the AIA and proposals from the Trees and views group read "More limited work to the lime was discussed as preferable from an arboricultural standpoint, but would not have the desired effect on the view." (See '220304 Meeting - Trees and Views Group')