

Planning Officer: Lynnyrd Wolfe

Planning Application Ref: AB/96/19/T

Location: 7 Penfolds Place, Arundel, BN18 9SA

Description of works: Reduce crowns of 2no. hornbeams by 2.5m on south side & crown lift lower canopies to 5m over car parking area

Reasons Given: To achieve adequate clearance above carriageway

Comments on Application:

2x hornbeam / <i>Carpinus betulus</i>	Average height: 10-15m	Average spread: 0-5m	Age class: Mature
1x hornbeam / <i>Carpinus betulus</i>	Average height: 10-15m	Average spread: 0-5m	Age class: Semi-mature

- The applicant appears to be seeking works to the entire grouping of hornbeam trees, distinct and isolated at the northernmost end of Penfolds Place – as shown on the sketch plan. There are three separate groups, the more established of which possess multiple stems.
- The work proposal is logical and justified, such that it would provide long-term clearance of the adjacent carriageway.
- Outwardly and from a distance they appear to be of good form and apparent good health. Collectively they are of high amenity and landscape value.

Conclusions:

- If the work is undertaken to a good standard and at the right time; then it is unlikely to have an adverse effect on the tree's long-term vitality and visual amenity.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **CONSENT** for this application, subject to the following conditions:

Conditions To Be Applied to Approved Work: -

- Where whole branches are to be removed and final cuts made close to the trunk or branch union they are to be made as shown in Figure 2 of BS3998:2010
- Where branches are to be shortened back the final cuts are to be made at the correct angle shown in BS3998:2010 and adjacent to a live bud or lateral.

Reasons: In the interests of the trees continued health and vitality and to accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice.

- See also the standard pruning guidance notes issued with the consent letter

Mark Warwick
Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team

Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

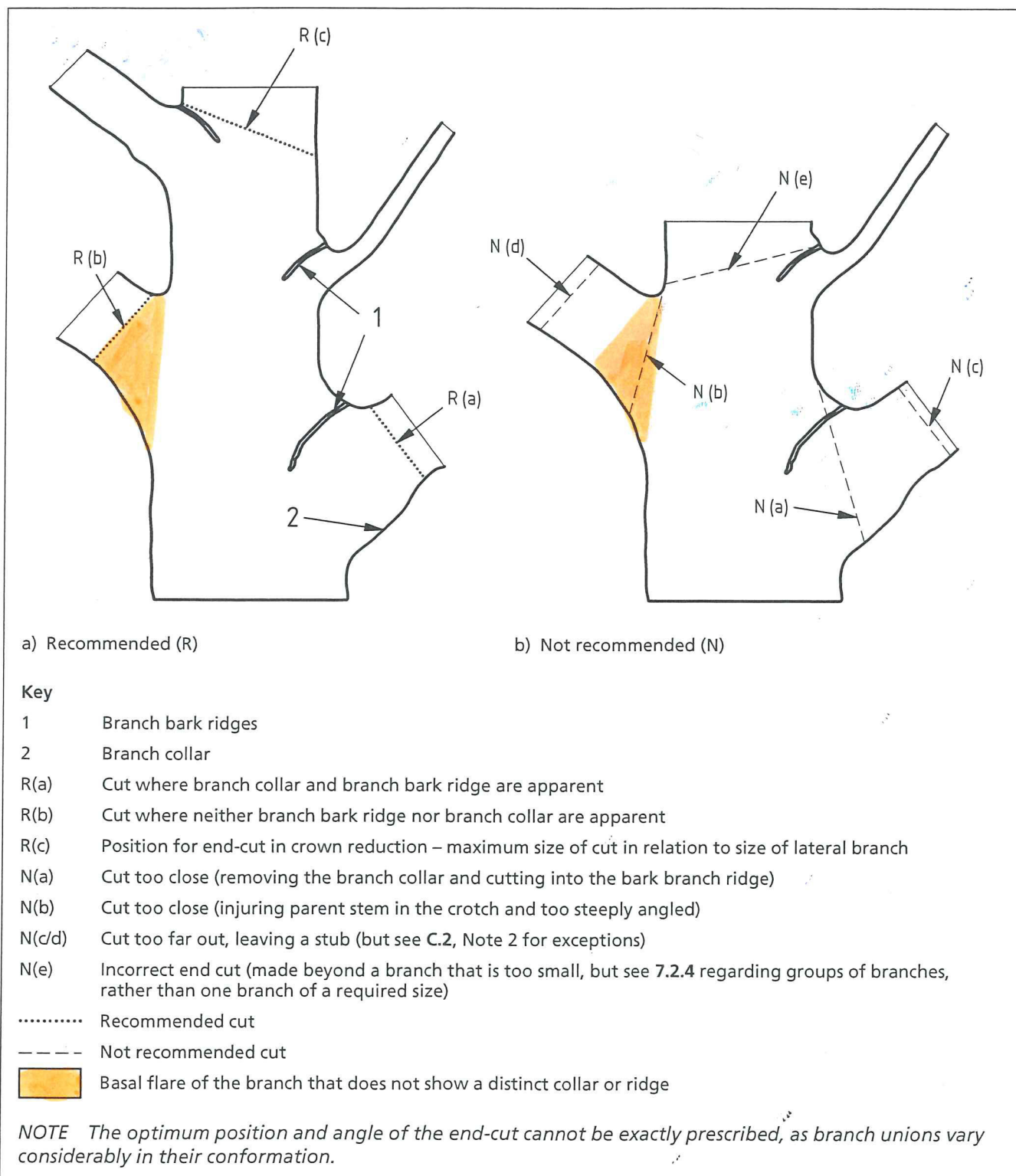


Figure 3 Crown lifting

