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Charlotte

Please find attached my comments/observations for your consideration.

Regards,

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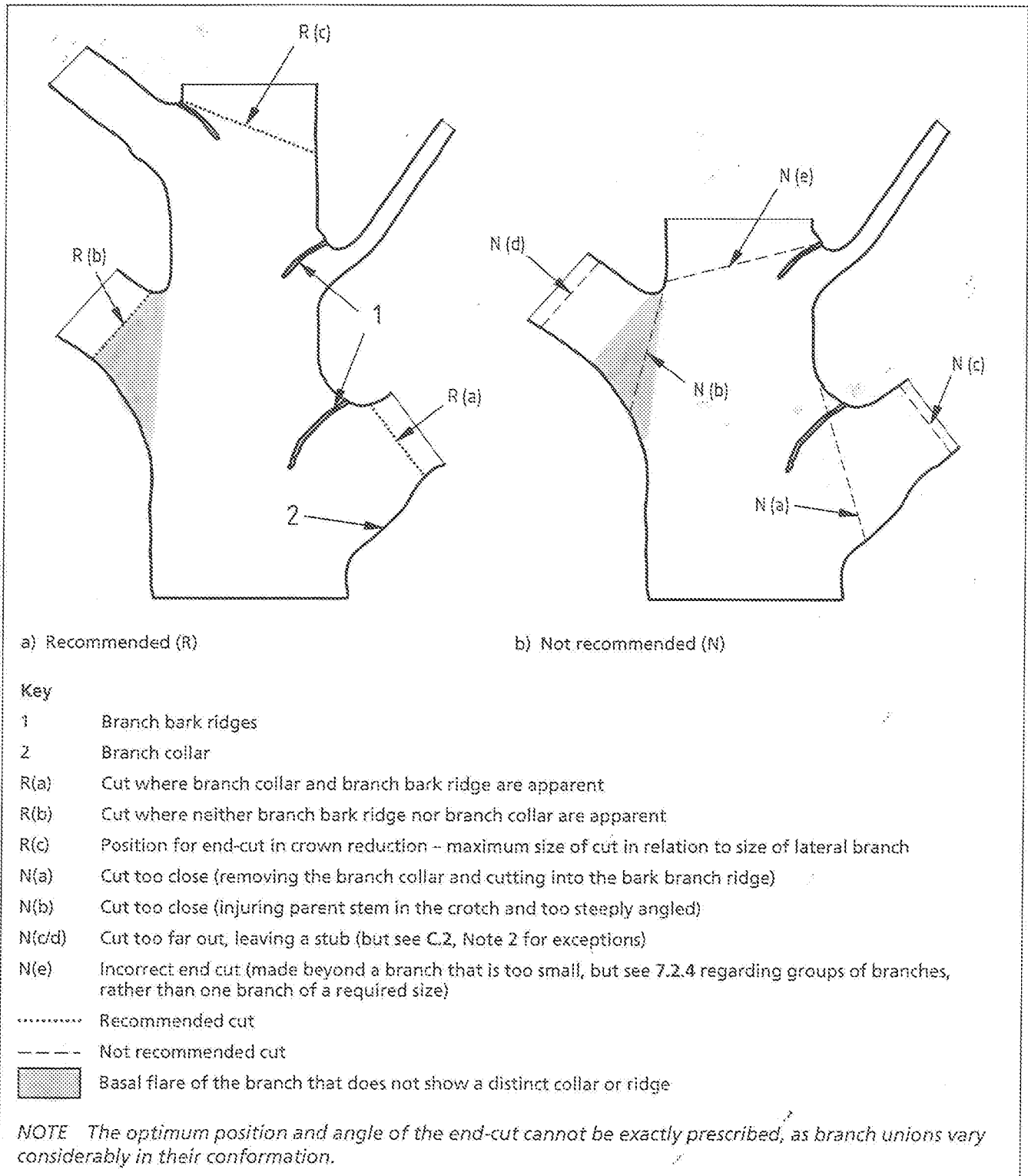
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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts



Planning Officer: Charlotte Easton

Planning Application Ref: AL/106/18/T

Location: The Nook, 11 Olivers Meadow, Westergate PO20 3YA

Description of works: Reduce crown by 3m, deadwood, remove some lower branches & remove epicormic growth to 1 No. Oak tree

Reasons Given: Re-shape and balance appearance

Comments on Application:

Pedunculate oak/Quercus robur Height: Approx. 15m Average spread: 5m Age class: Early mature

- Outwardly and from a distance it appears to be in a fine physiological state. It grows at the rear of the property and can be seen from many adjacent dwellings and publicly accessible land/public highway.
- It has been the subject of several crown modifications resulting in a dense, compact form.
- The removal of dead branches is an exception and does not require permission.
- The removal of low branches has not been specified in detail, but is assumed to refer to epicormic growth only. The removal of such growth from the main stem could achieve adequate overhead clearance of approximately 4metres – consistent with previous work granted consent by the local planning authority.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds as it seeks to maintain reasonable enjoyment of the garden with respect to natural tree form.
- If the work is undertaken to a good standard and at the right time; then repeat crown reduction is unlikely to have an adverse effect on its long-term vitality.
- The proposal to reduce its overall height and spread with a view to restricting its growth is justified and consistent with previous works approved by the Local Planning Authority.

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.
- The removal of crown material which has developed since the last operation must be done sympathetically and with respect to established 'knuckles' so as not to extend beyond the point of origin.
- The long-term vitality of this tree is best respected when significant pruning work such as proposed, is undertaken during either the mid-summer (mid-June to mid-September) or mid-winter (mid-December to mid-February) periods. The work proposed must only be undertaken during these periods.

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

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