

CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date of inspection: 14th July 2026

Case Officer: Jonny Cooper

Reference: AW/114/26/T

Location: 231 Aldwick Road, Aldwick, PO21 3QG

Proposal: Pollard back to previous knuckles to leave height at 4.6m and lateral spread at 3.7m
1no. willow tree (T1) and pollard back to previous knuckles to leave height at 6.7
and spread at 4.6m 1no. willow tree (T2).

Reason: Continuation of established cyclical pruning regime

Comments on Application:

2x Willow, golden weeping / *Salix x sepulcralis Chrysocoma*

Height: 10-15m Radial spread: 0-5m Age class: Mature

These are long-established trees of apparent good health. They have been managed for many years in a regular cycle of hard pruning. They are visible from numerous residential dwellings and to users of the public highway (footway and carriageway). As such, they have public amenity value.

Repeat operations will continue to be necessary throughout the remaining lifespan of these trees, if only to achieve a reasonable degree of structural integrity appropriate for their location.

Conclusions:

There is sufficient extension of new growth since the last operations were undertaken and so the proposal is justified on arboricultural grounds.

While a temporary loss of aesthetic value is inevitable, satisfactory canopy renewal and recovery should occur if the work is undertaken to a high standard and at an appropriate time of year.

Recommendation:

We grant consent for this application subject to the following condition:

Condition 1

Part a) 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

Part b) 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.

Part c) Where crown reduction work has occurred previously, the removal of subsequent growth (shoots and branches) and position of final cuts must ensure retention of all established knuckles.

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

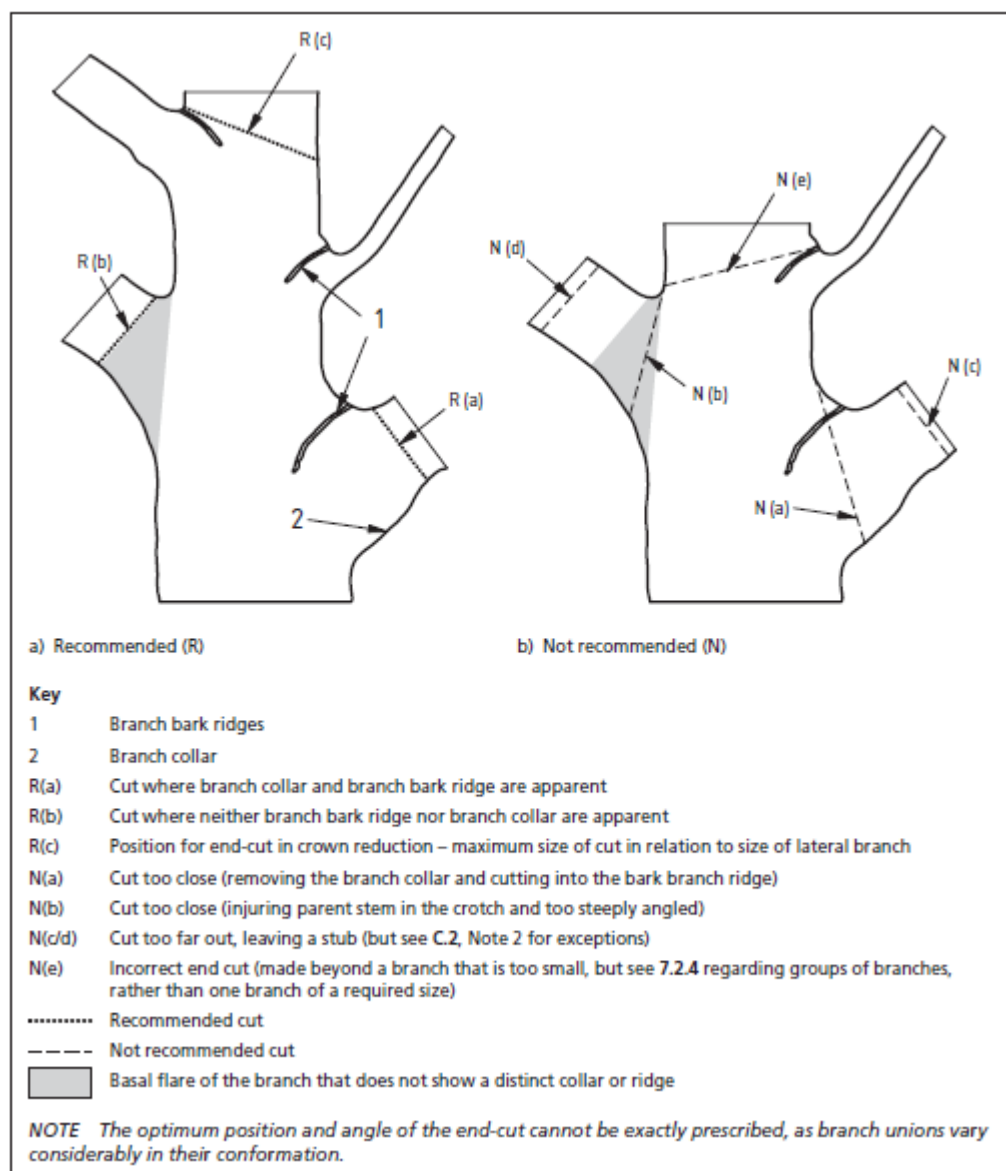
- See also the *standard pruning guidance notes issued with the consent letter*

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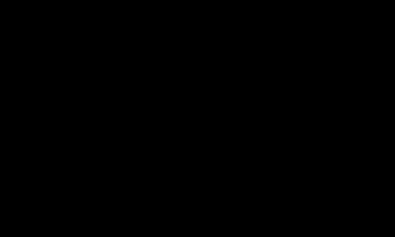
Hard pruning creates numerous and/or large wounds, incurring a physiological stress which may affect long-term health and vitality. The optimum time for pruning willow trees is late spring to summer (May to August).

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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts



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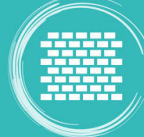
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Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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