

CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date of report: 21st July 2026

Case Officer: Susan Haley
Reference: AW/115/26/T
Location: 45 The Drive, Aldwick, PO21 4DS
Proposal: Crown lift to 1.5m from ground level to 1no. mature yew tree dome.
Reason: To establish understorey plants

Comments on Application:

Yew / *Taxus baccata* Height: 0-5m Radial spread: 0-5m Age class: Mature

I have considered this application by means of a desktop review, using the information submitted as well as online resources. Previous consideration from site and familiarity with surrounding area provide further insight to the proposal.

The yew is believed to be a surviving member of the 'yew tree walk,' a historic feature of the original Craigweil House and its environs, with other examples found in neighbouring property.

It is visible only in small part from the estate road (Queensway) and adjacent properties, having been regularly trimmed to produce a compact form. Its landscape impact has been diminished by subsequent development of its surroundings.

Conclusions:

This is an important tree in the landscape and of an age which demands careful management.

The proposed work will not incur excess harm to the tree or loss of visual amenity, if undertaken to a high standard and at optimum time.

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.

Reasons: In the interest of the tree's 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

Informative:

Hard pruning creates numerous and/or large wounds, incurring a physiological stress which may affect long-term health and vitality. The optimum times for pruning a yew tree are late summer and late winter.

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Principal Tree Officer

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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

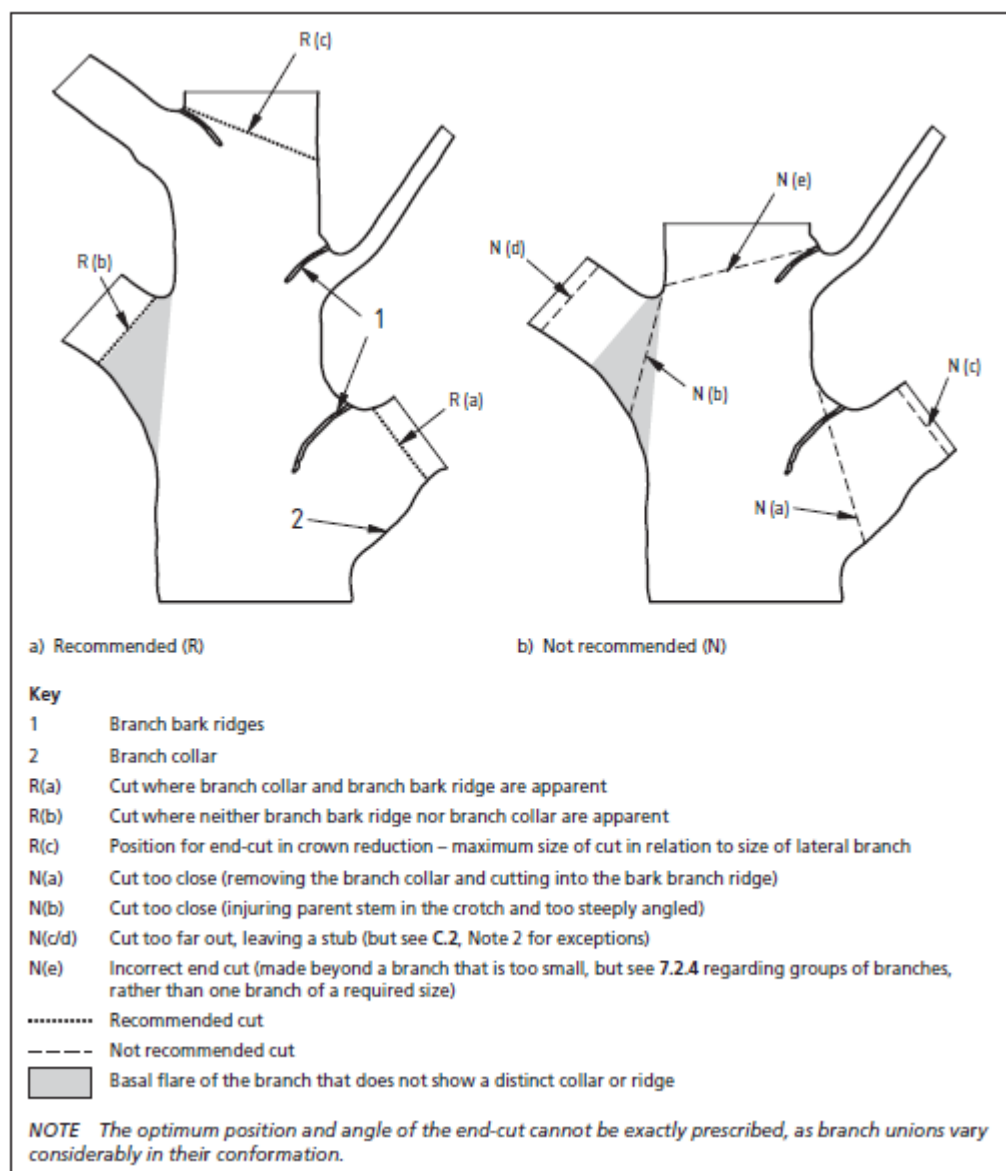
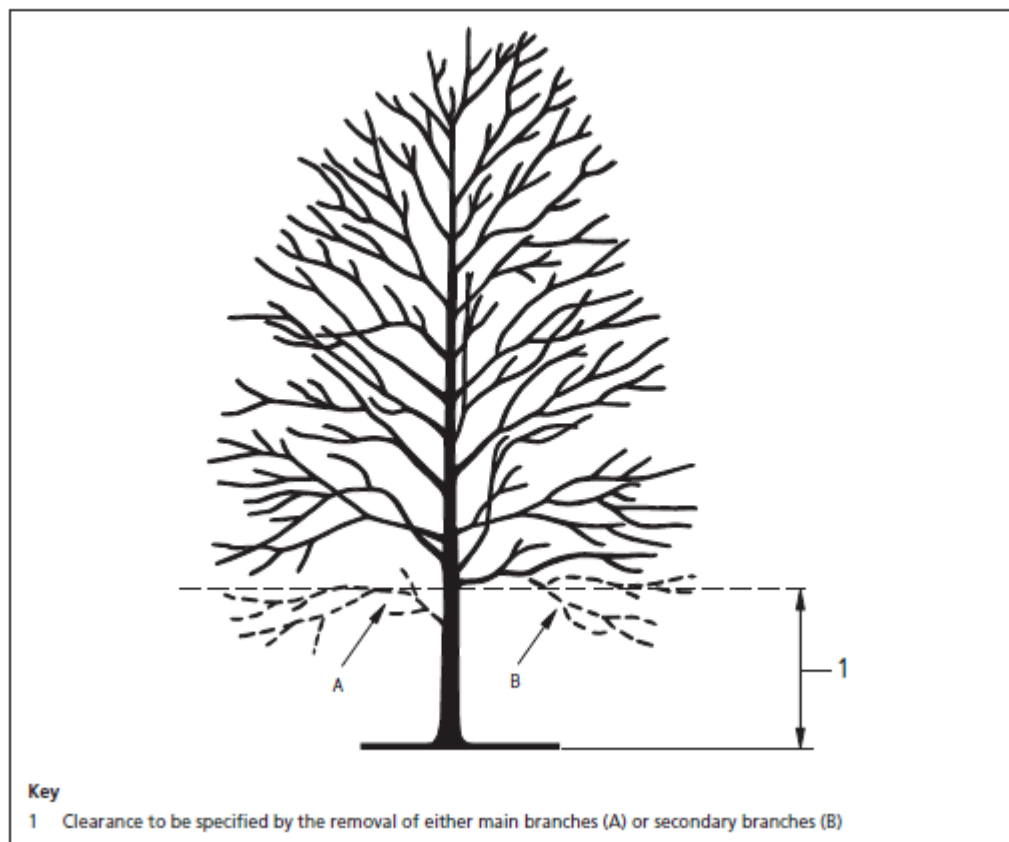


Figure 3 Crown lifting



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Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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