

CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date of inspection: 14th July 2026

Case Officer: Silvie Steiningerova
Reference: AW/117/26/T
Location: 31 West Drive, Aldwick, PO21 4LY
Proposal: Reduce height to 11-12m and reduce spread to 4-5m to 1no. sycamore tree (T1).
Reason: Long-term clearance of dwelling

Comments on Application:

Sycamore / *Acer pseudoplatanus* Height: 10-15m Radial spread: 5-10m Age class: Early mature

From roadside this tree appears to be in a fine physiological state. It is an established and prominent feature in the street scene, providing visual amenity on account of its attractive crown profile.

The extent of crown spread pruning is minimal, as limited to that which is illustrated on the submitted photographs; those can be used to ensure compliance with any consent. A reduction in radial crown spread will only occur on the south aspect.

I measured the tree as approximately 12.5m high and so the proposed reduction in height will be minimal, thereby retaining a natural appearance.

The removal of deadwood is an exception. Prior notice to or consent from the local planning authority is not required.

Conclusions:

The proposed work is justified on arboricultural grounds. Impact on the health and vitality of the tree and loss of visual amenity will be minimised, if undertaken to a high standard and at the 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 time for pruning a sycamore tree is summer or midwinter, as prone to bleeding.

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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

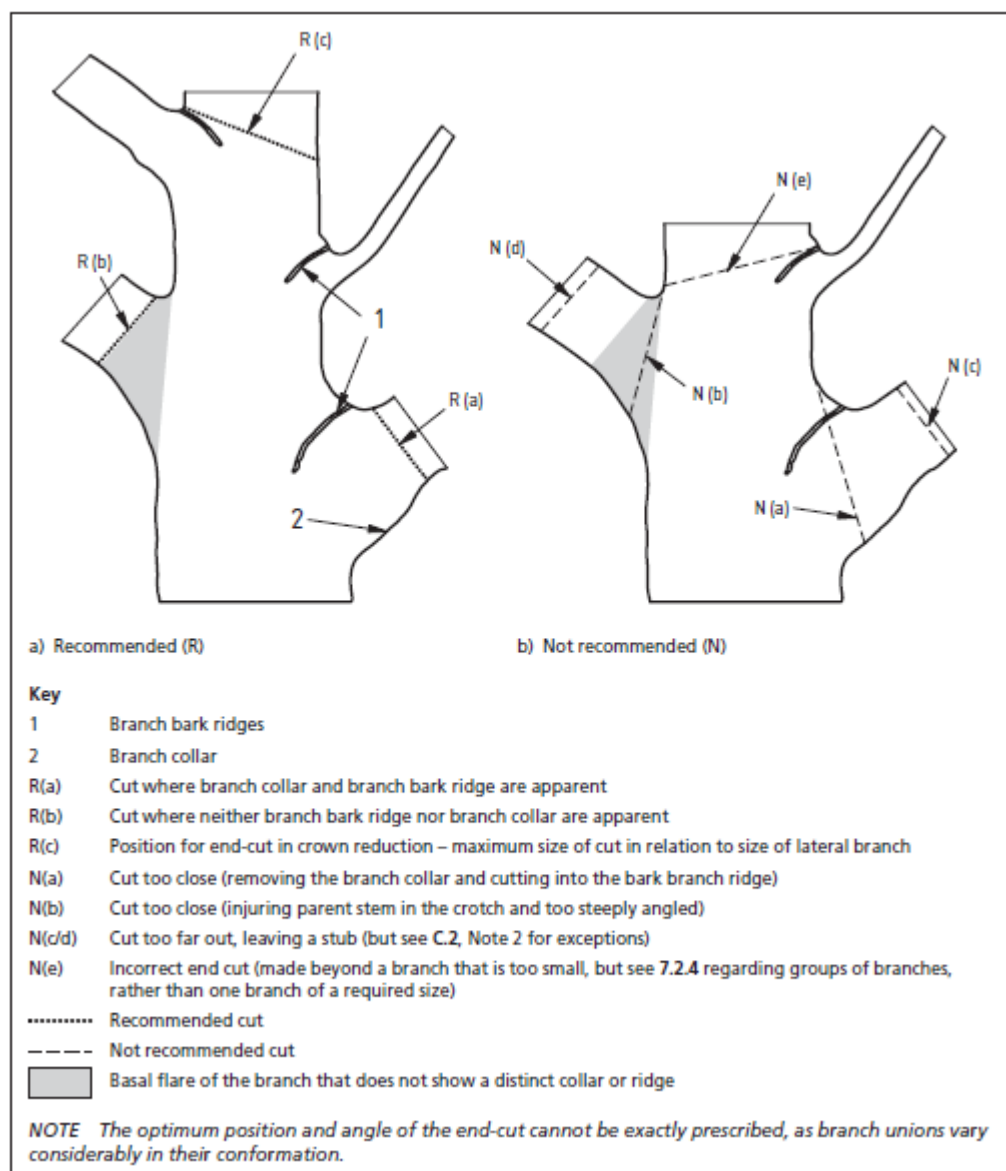
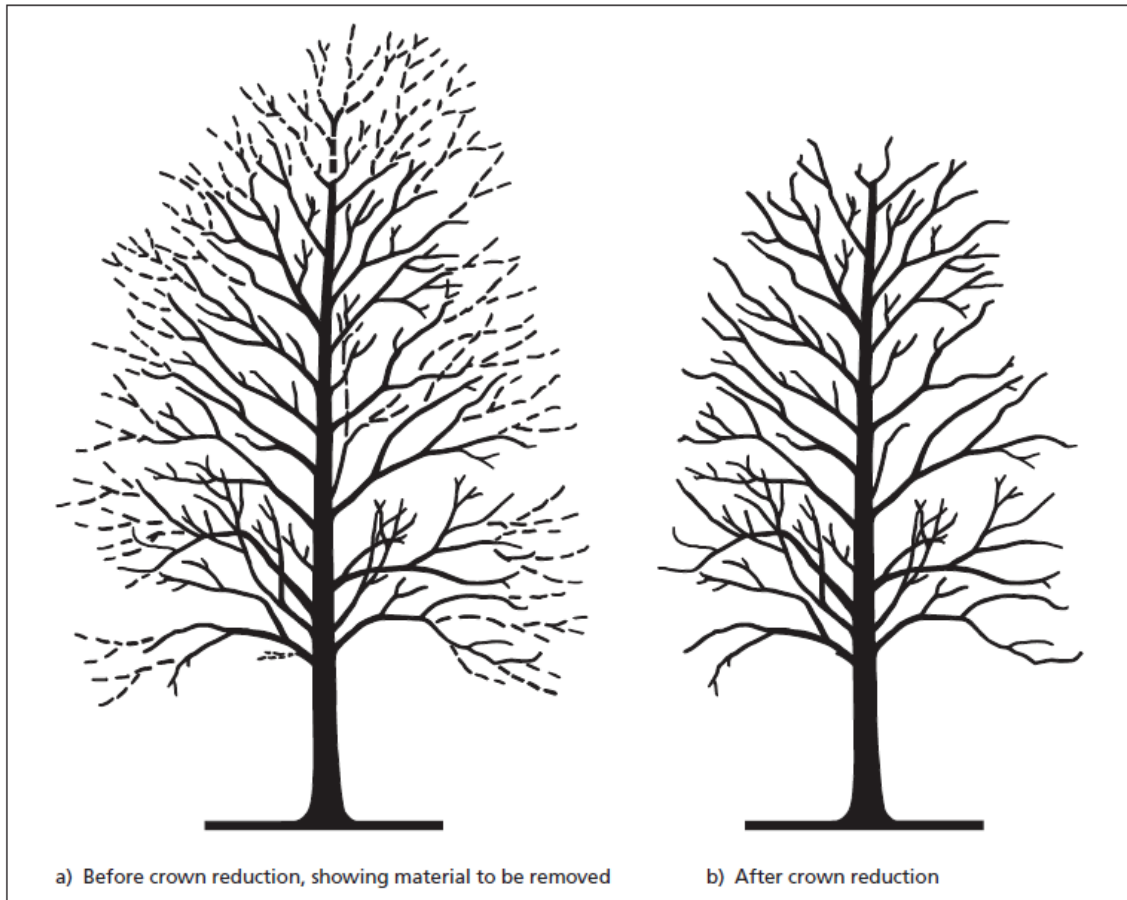


Figure 4 Diagrammatic illustration of crown reduction



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Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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