

CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date of report: 19th August 2026

Case Officer: Susan Haley

Reference: AW/127/26/T

Location: 33 Grange Court, Aldwick, PO21 4XR

Proposal: Re-pollard 1no. golden weeping willow (T1) to a height of 8m and spread of 4m.

Reasons: Continuation of cyclical pruning regime. Risk management.

Comments on Application:

Golden weeping willow *Salix x sepulcralis* var *Chrysocoma*

Height: 10-15m Radial spread: 5-10m Age: Early-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.

This latest proposal seeks the repeat of an operation previously granted consent by the local planning authority.

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.

Conclusions:

Repeat operations will be necessary throughout the lifespan of this tree, to achieve a degree of structural integrity appropriate for its location.

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

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 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

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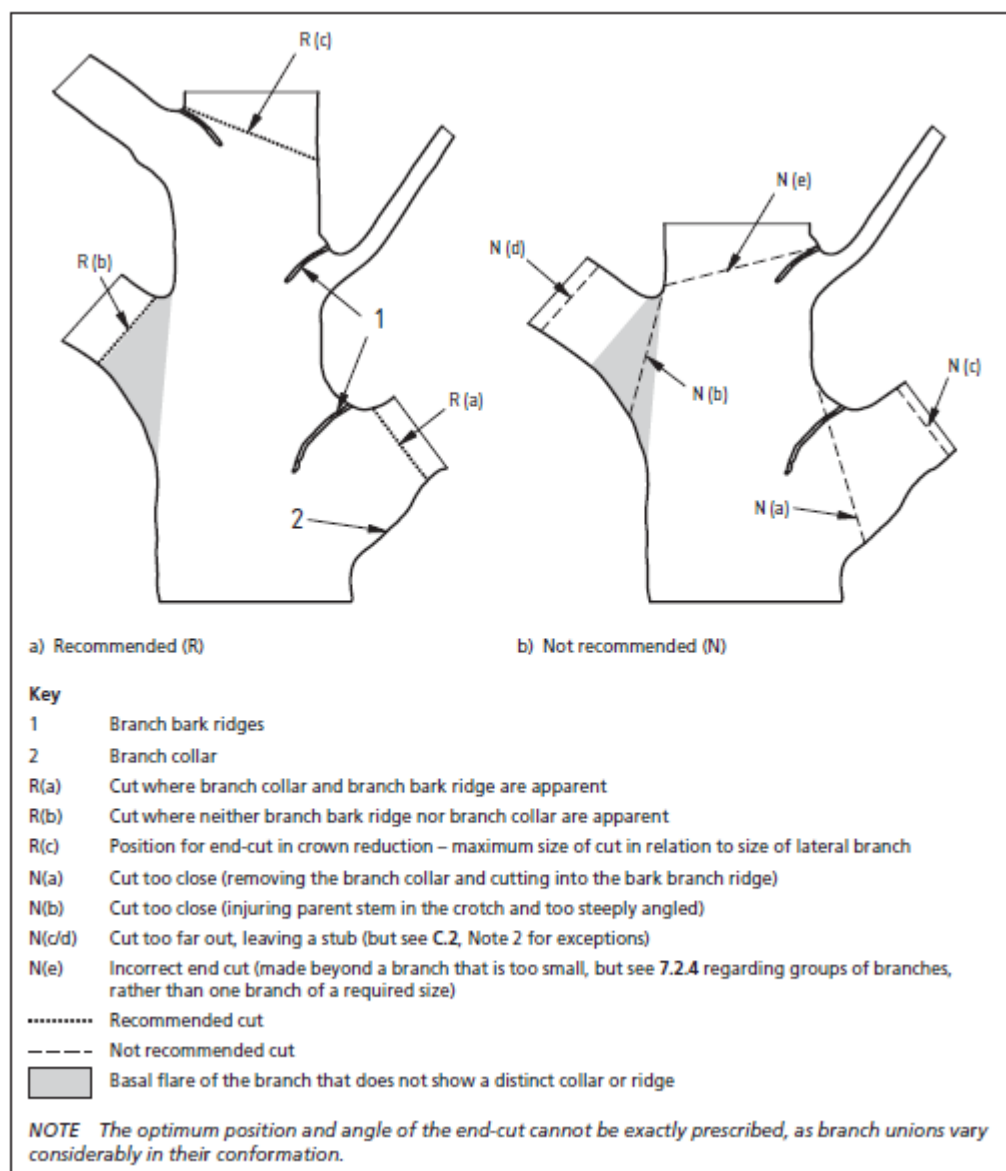
Hard pruning creates numerous and/or large wounds, incurring a physiological stress which may affect long-term health and vitality. The optimum time for pruning this tree is late spring to summer (May to August). Winter months when the tree is dormant is the traditional season for such work and certainly much less harmful than undertaking during spring or autumn, which should be avoided.

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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts



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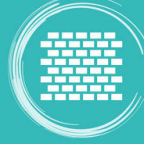
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Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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