

CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date of inspection: 5th August 2026

Reference: AW/131/26/T

Proposal: Re-pollard 1no. field maple (T1) to leave a height of 4m.

Location: 25 Fernhurst Gardens, Aldwick, PO21 4BA

Case Officer: Susan Haley

Reason: Continuation of cyclical pruning regime.

Comments on Application:

T1 Field maple / <i>Acer campestre</i>	Height: 5 -10m	Radial spread: 0-5m	Age class: Mature
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The view of this tree from applicant's rear garden is restricted to above boundary fence height, but it appears to be in a fair condition. Historic pollarding at approximately half-height limits its landscape potential and at this location must be repeated to manage risk of large-parts breaking out and falling into gardens.

This relatively large amount of crown removal will impose a stress on the tree and so the timing of such work is important to give the best chance of renewal and recovery.

Conclusions:

There is sufficient extension of new growth since the last operation was 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 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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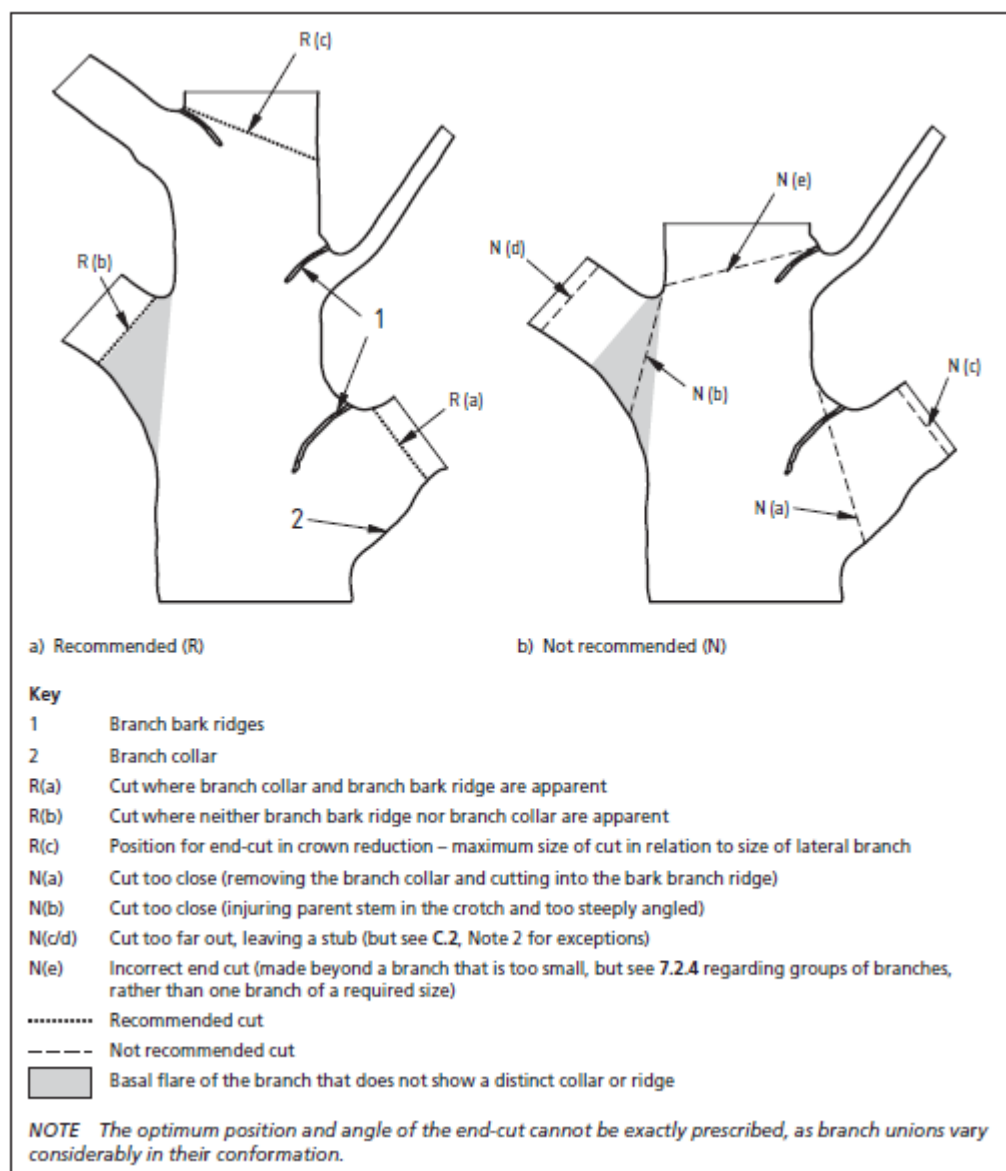
Hard pruning creates numerous and/or large wounds, incurring a physiological stress which may affect long-term health and vitality. The optimum time for pruning maples is summer or midwinter, as prone to bleeding.

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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts



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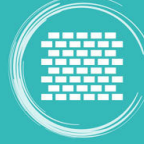
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Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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