

Planning Officer: Charlotte Easton

Planning Application Ref: **AW/13/19/T**

Location: **26 Chawkmare Coppice, Bognor Regis, PO21 2SP**

Description of works: **Crown thin 15% and crown reduction 1m to 1no. oak tree**

Reasons Given: To maintain tree at dimensions appropriate for its location

Comments on Application:

Pedunculate oak / *Quercus robur* Height: Approx. 11m Average spread: 5m Age class: Early-mature

- This tree appears to be in a fine physiological state with an attractive crown profile.
- It grows in a relatively confined position and possesses high growth potential.
- It is highly visible from both surrounding properties and public highway (footway and carriageway).

Conclusions:

- The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds as it seeks to strike a balance between the tree's influence and potential impact on surrounding residential property and the need to retain trees with dignity by having respect for natural tree form.
- There will be some loss of public amenity on completion of the proposed works, but this is outweighed by the long-term potential for nuisance arising from the tree's uninhibited growth.
- If the work is undertaken to a high standard and at the right time then the tree should be able to remain a long-term visually interesting feature in the local landscape.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **CONSENT** for this application, subject to the following conditions:

Conditions To Be Applied to Approved Work: -

- 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.
- The long-term vitality of this tree is best respected when significant pruning work such as proposed, is undertaken during the late-spring to summer period (May to August). The work proposed must only be undertaken during this period.

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.*

Mark Warwick

Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team

Figure 4 Diagrammatic illustration of crown reduction

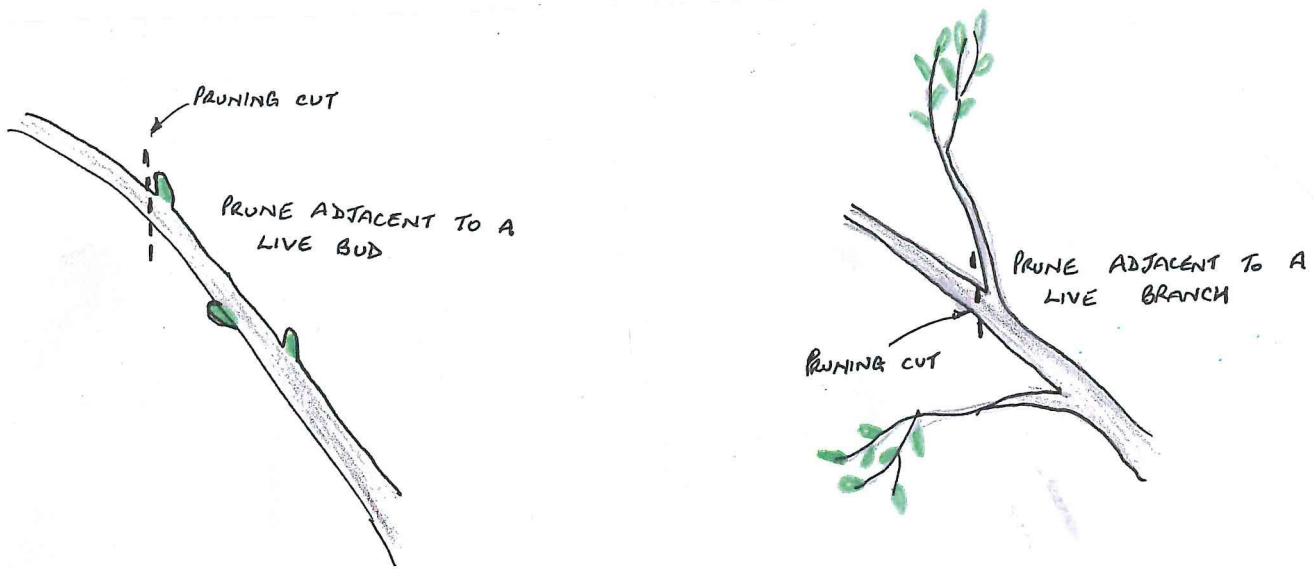
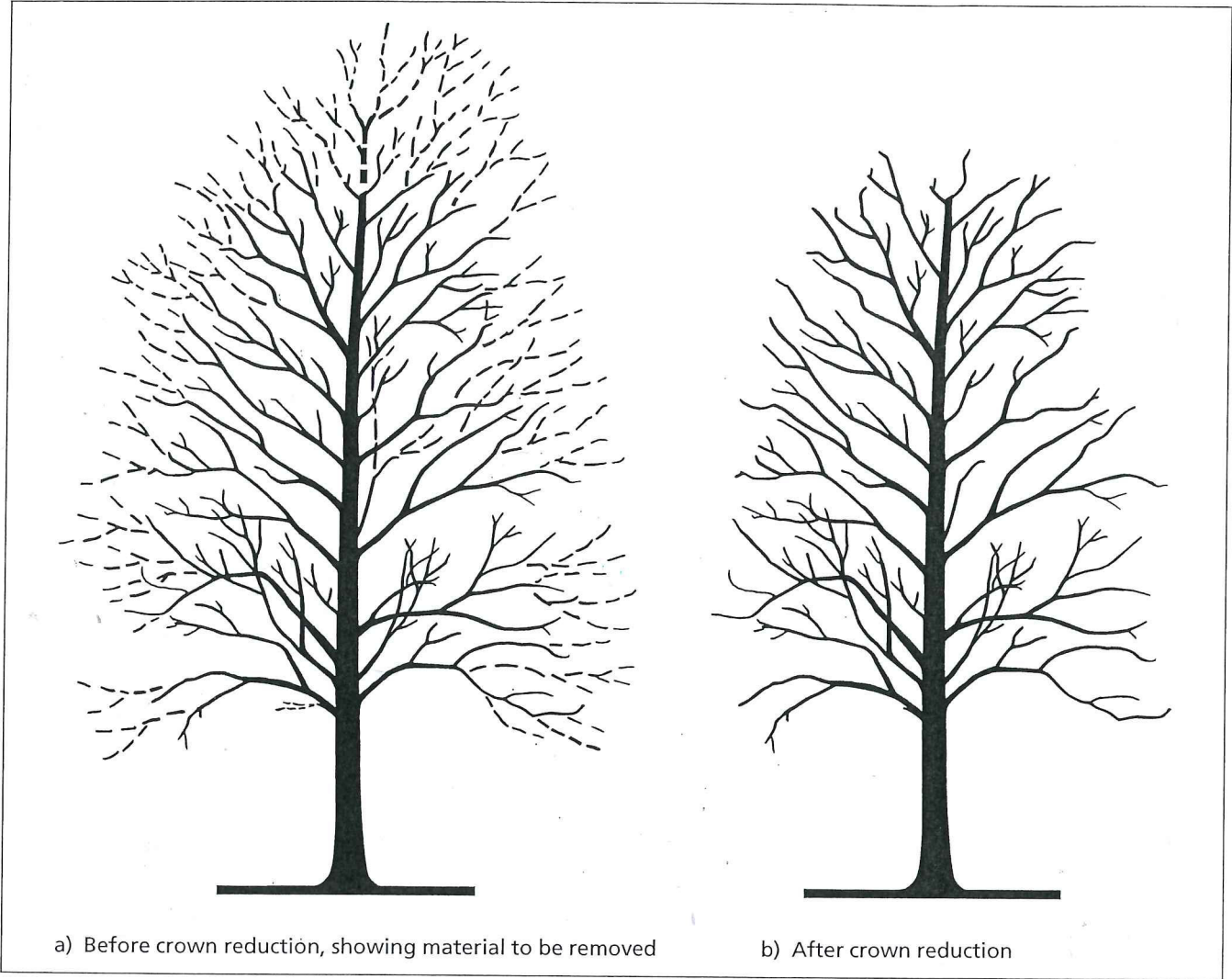


Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

