

Planning Officer: Miss Z Toppin

Planning Application Ref: **AW/145/21/T**

Location: **15 Acorn End, Aldwick, PO21 4JA**

Description of works: **Crown reduction of 1no. sycamore to 11.5m in height and 4.5m in width**

Reason given: To achieve uniformity with adjacent trees

Comments on Application:

Sycamore / *Acer pseudoplatanus* Height: 10-15m Radial spread: 0-5m Age class: Early mature

- Outwardly and from distance (roadside) this tree appears to be in a fine physiological state (and assumed to be so in the absence of any information/evidence provided to the contrary). It grows at the front of the property and while discreetly situated within a relatively recent residential development, it presents an attractive upper crown profile which can be seen from several surrounding properties and from public highway. As such, it has public amenity value.
- Although the reasons given are not sufficient justification for the proposal, this is a tree with an imperfect stem union and high growth potential. The extent of crown reduction (mostly focused on height) is within acceptable tolerances.

Conclusion:

- If the work is undertaken to a good standard and at the right time; then it is unlikely to have an adverse effect on the tree's long-term vitality and visual amenity.

Recommendation:

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

Condition to Be Applied to Approved Work: -

- 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 interests 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

Advisory:

- The long-term vitality of this tree is best respected when significant pruning work such as proposed, is undertaken during either the summer (June to August) or mid-winter (late-December to early-February) periods. The work should only be undertaken during these periods.

Mark Warwick
Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team

Figure 4 Diagrammatic illustration of crown reduction

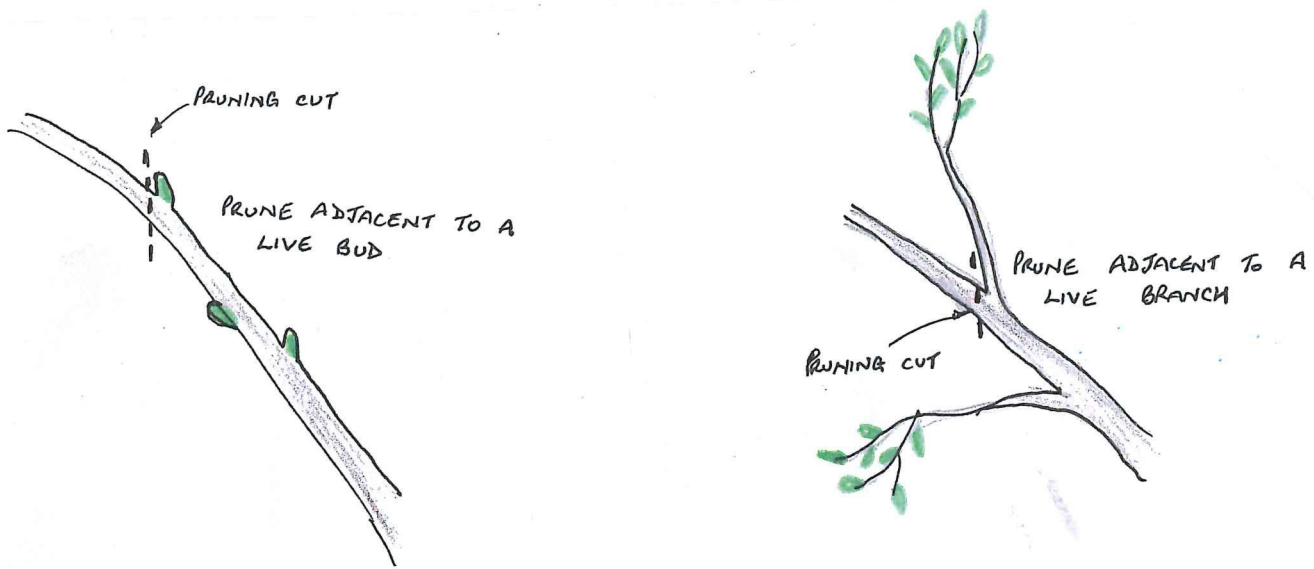
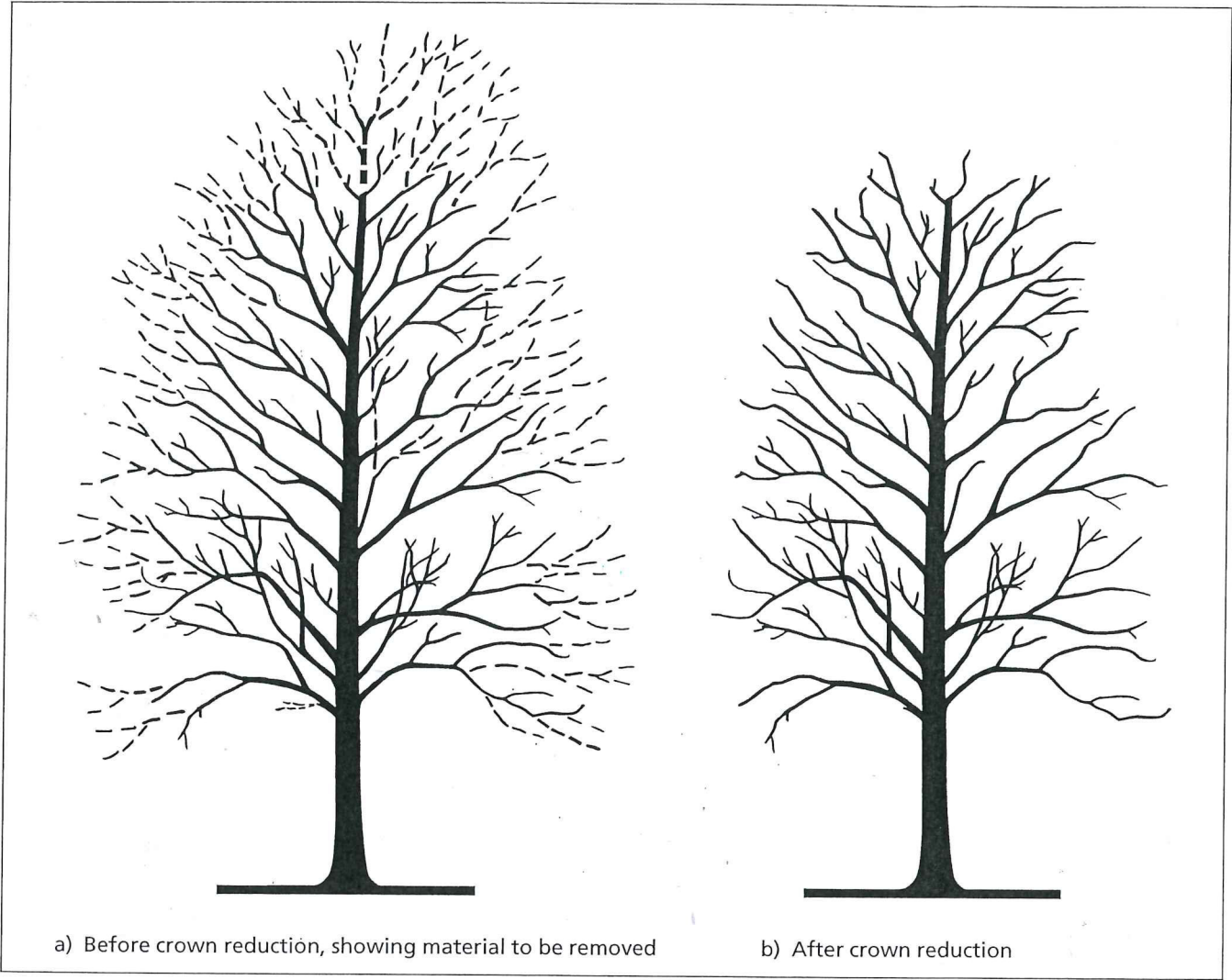


Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

