

Planning Officer: Mr F Gardner

Planning Application Ref: **AW/148/20/T**

Location: **Springmere, 95 The Fairway, Aldwick, PO21 4EW**

Description of works: **Reduction in height of 2no. silver birch trees to 8m (A1 and A2). Crown thin of 1no. Pissard plum tree (B1) by 20%**

Reasons given: None given

Comments on Application:

A1 & A2 Silver birch / <i>Betula pendula</i>	Height: 5-10m	Spread: 0-5m	Age class: Early mature
B1 Purple-leaved plum / <i>Prunus cerasifera Pissardii</i>	Height: 5-10m	Spread: 0-5m	Age class: Early mature

- Outwardly and from a distance these trees appear healthy and stable; twin stemmed with relatively unmodified and attractive crown profiles.
- They grow at the front of the property and so can be seen in part by traffic accessing/exiting this part of the estate. As such, they have some public amenity value although are relatively discreet given the size and density of more established trees in the area.
- The removal of dead branches is an exception and does not require permission.

Conclusions:

- Neither tree type is known for its tolerance of hard pruning, therefore it is important that the work is undertaken to a good standard and at the right time; to limit the adverse effect on their long-term vitality.
- There should be no significant loss of public amenity on completion of the proposed works.

Recommendations:

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

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 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

Advisory:

- The long-term vitality of the birch trees 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.
- The long-term vitality of the plum tree is best respected when significant pruning work such as proposed, is undertaken during the summer (June to August) period. The work should only be undertaken during this period.

Mark Warwick
Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team

Figure 4 Diagrammatic illustration of crown reduction

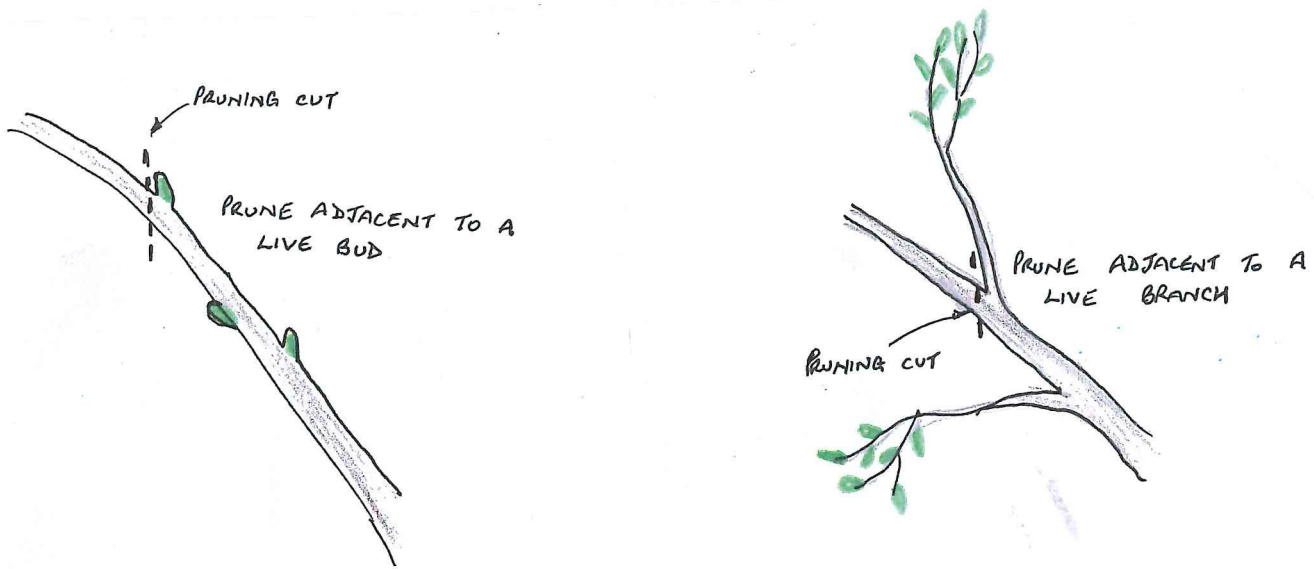
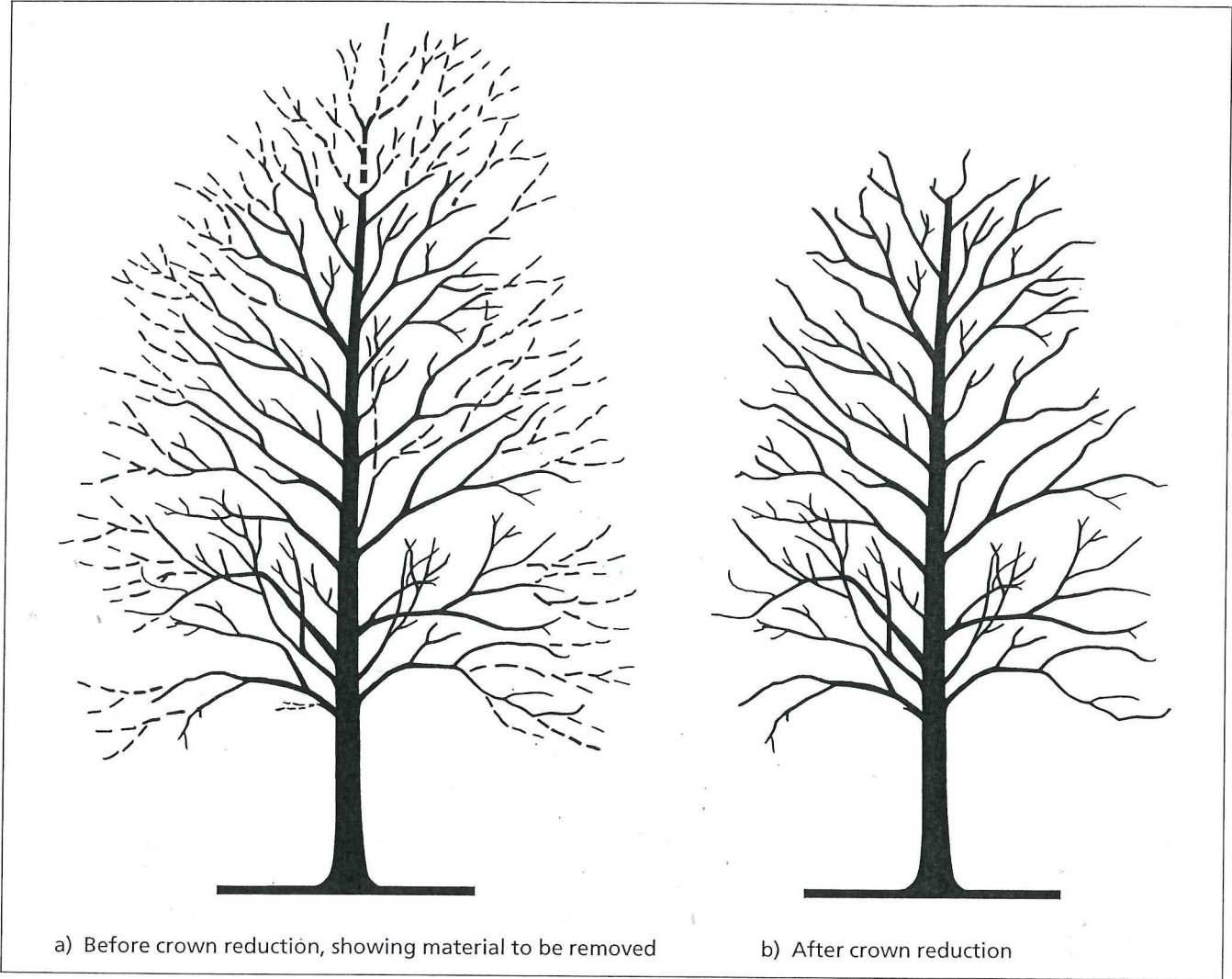


Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

