

CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date of report: 14th October 2026

Reference: AW/155/26/T

Proposal: Crown reduction to 3no. oak trees to previous pollard points, leaving: T2- a height of 11m, and spread of 2.9m (N), 1.7m (E), 3.7m (S), 4.3m (W) crown lift to 3m from ground level. T3- a height of 12m, and spreads of 5m (N), 5.5m (E), 4.4m (S), 4.7m (W), crown lift to 3m from ground level. T4- a height of 10m, and spreads of 3m (N), 2.5m (E) 1.9m (S), 1m (W) crown lift to 3m from ground level. Fell 1no. field maple (b). Crown reduction to 3no. field maples to leave: a- a height of 5.5m, spreads of 1.2m (N,E) and 0m (W,S). c- a height of 2m and spread of 0.5m. d- a height of 5.5m and spreads of 1m (N,S) and 0.5m (W).

Location: 32 St Richards Way, Aldwick, PO21 3BB

Case Officer: Jonny Cooper

Reasons: Continuation of cyclical pruning regime. Risk management.

Comments on Application:

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 provides further insight to the proposal.

The applicant has submitted a detailed tree survey and plan. Those are comprehensive and include a work programme with satisfactory reasons given for each item.

No individual trees are worthy of specific comment for the purposes of reviewing this application; all can be satisfactorily considered for generic comment, as follows.

The rear garden is in large part dominated by the presence of mature oak and field maple, such that it has a woodland feel. The majority have been the subject of successive crown reduction pruning operations.

The removal of one field maple (b) is uncontroversial and will barely be noticeable. That and the density of established tree cover locally, precludes a requirement for replacement planting.

Conclusions:

The proposal to reduce the trees' overall height and spread with a view to restricting growth is justified and consistent with previous works approved 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.

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 interests of the trees' continued health and vitality and to accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice.

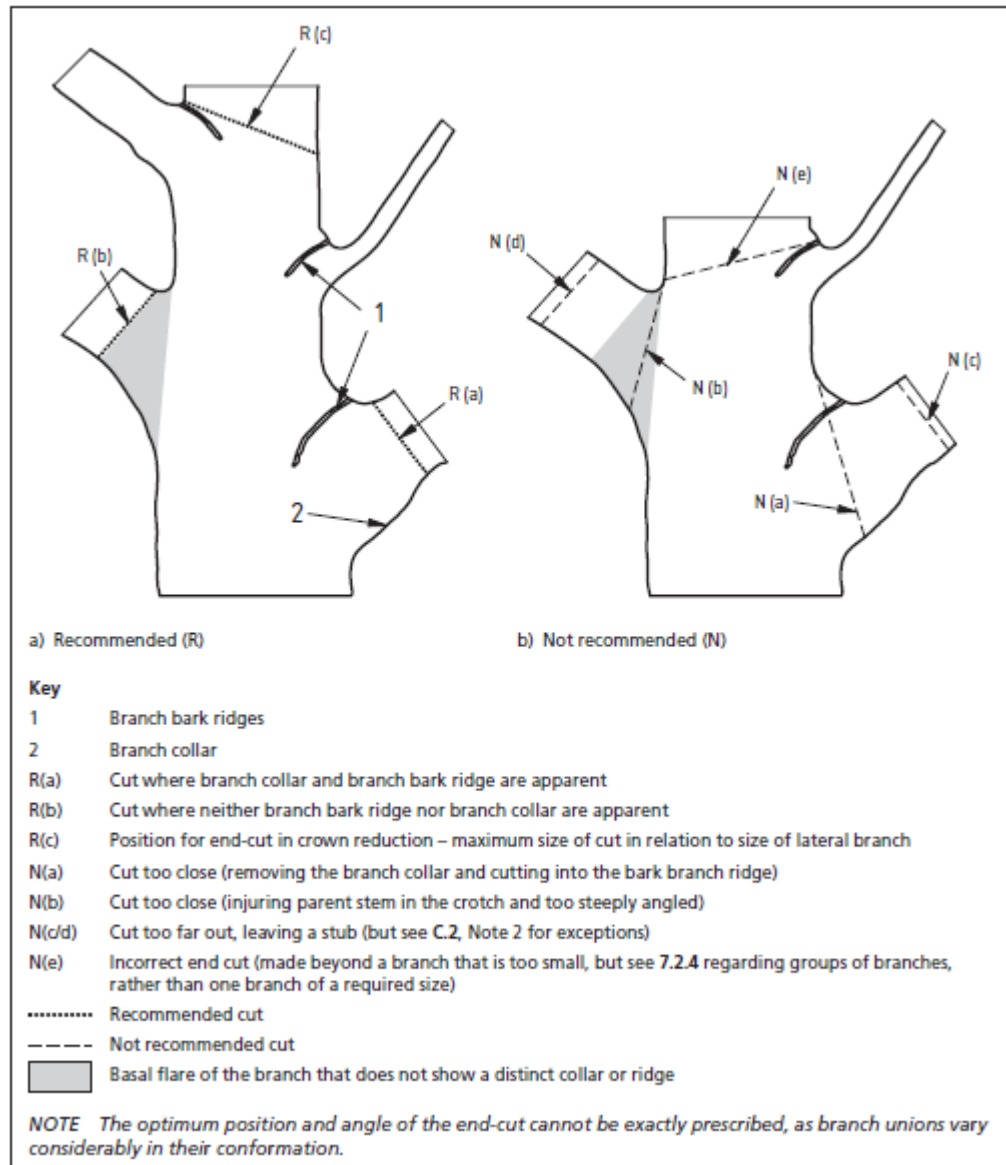
- See also the standard pruning guidance notes issued with the consent letter

Informative:

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 deciduous oak trees is during the late spring to summer period (May to August). The optimum time for pruning of field maple trees is during either the summer (June to August) or mid-winter (late-December to early-February) periods.

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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts



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Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Kind regards

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