

CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date of inspection: 23rd October 2025

Case Officer: Susan Haley

Reference: AW/206/25/T

Location: 11 Hamilton Gardens, Aldwick, PO21 4EQ

Proposal: Crown reduction of 1no. oak tree (T1) by 3m to leave a height of 16m and a spread of 12m.

Reasons: For aesthetic reasons and to mitigate risk of major union failure.

Comments on Application:

T1 Pedunculate oak / *Quercus robur* Height: 15-20m Radial spread: 5-10m Age class: Mature

This is a healthy tree with an attractive and visible crown profile. Unfortunately there are a number of imperfect unions at the main stem and low in the crown, which obligates the owner to affect some reduction pruning. At this location, it would not be prudent to allow continued growth given the target area on all aspects.

The extent of crown reduction is proportionate to the risk, and if undertaken to a high standard and at the right time, will retain some visual appeal and facilitate the tree's recovery.

Conclusions:

This is an important tree in the landscape and of an age which demands careful management.

The proposed work has been justified on arboricultural grounds.

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.

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

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 late spring to summer (May to August). Winter months when the trees are dormant is the 'traditional' season for such work and certainly much less harmful than undertaking during spring or autumn, which should be avoided.

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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

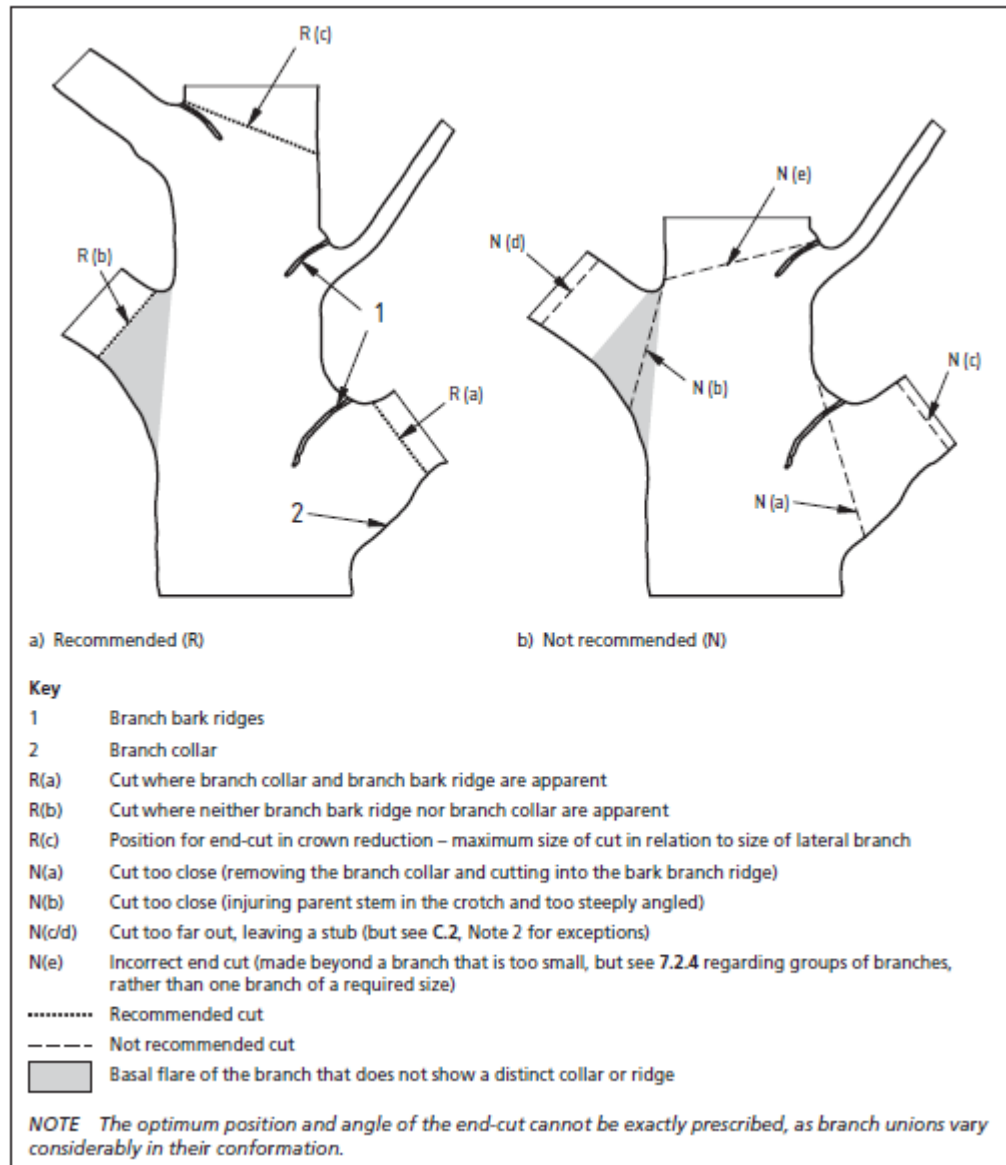
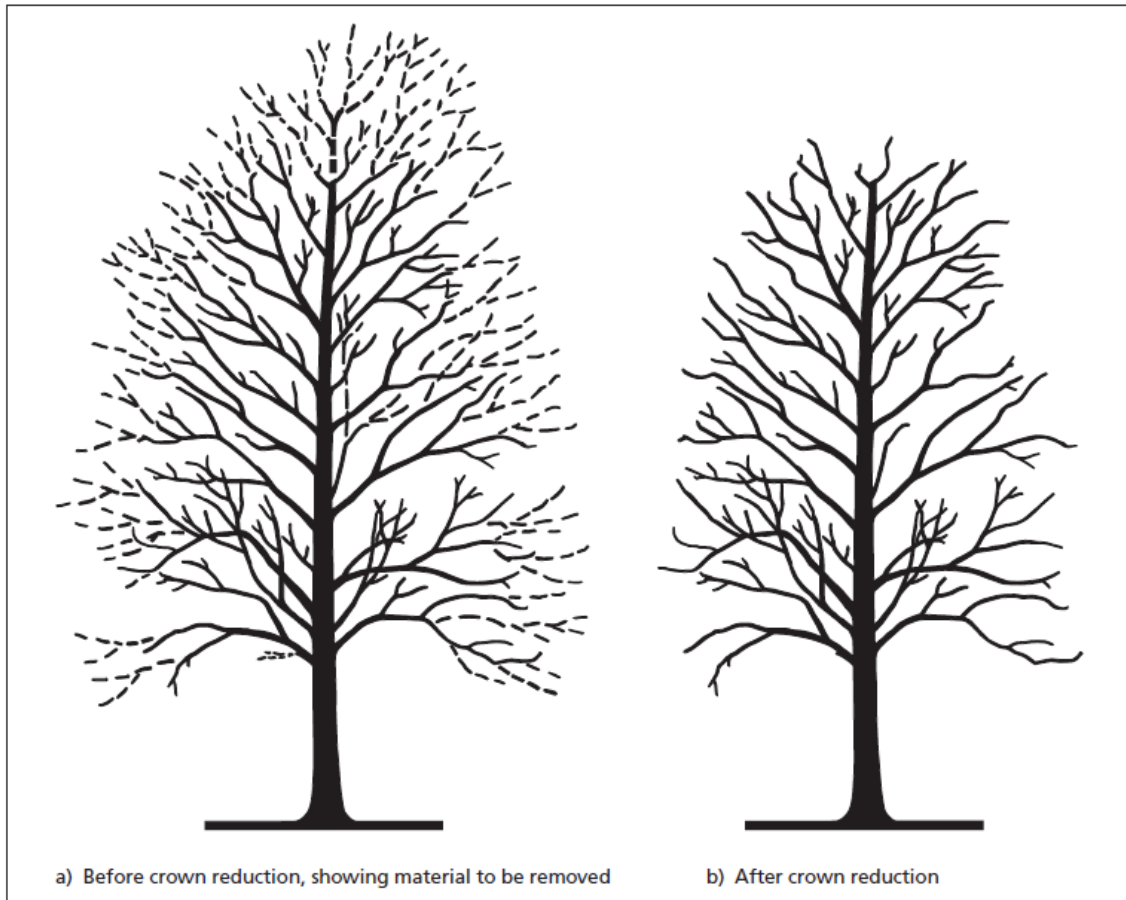


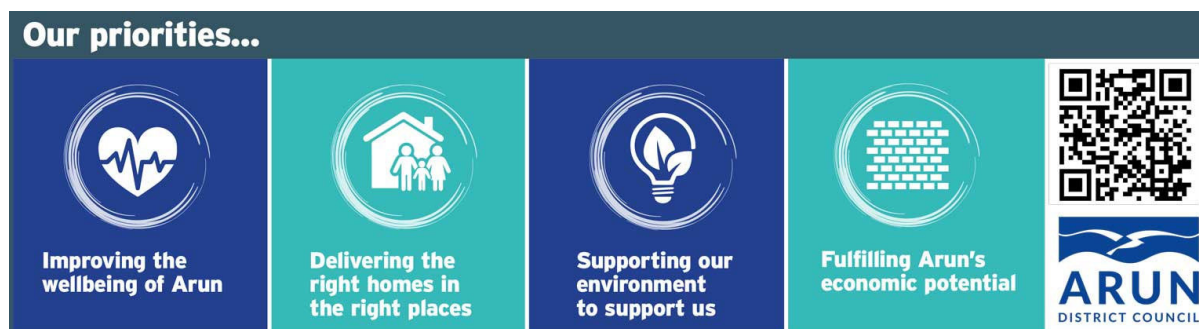
Figure 4 Diagrammatic illustration of crown reduction



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Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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