

## CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date of inspection: 4<sup>th</sup> October 2025

**Case Officer:** Freya Clewley

**Reference:** AW/208/25/T

**Location:** Old Place, Aldwick, PO21 3AU

**Proposal:** Crown lift 1no. English oak (T556) above the garage a minimum of 1.5m above the roof.

**Reasons:** To achieve adequate clearance from building.

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### Comments on Application:

T556 (as shown in the applicant's photographs) is a subject of tree preservation order – TPO/AW/128/10.

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

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I have considered this application by means of a desktop review, using the information and plans submitted as well as online resources. Previous consideration from site and familiarity with surrounding areas provide further insight to the proposal.

It is clear from the photographs provided that there is an issue with branches interfering with fabric of the garage structure and may result in damage occurring if not dealt with promptly.

1.5metres clearance is the minimum being sought. Although well-intentioned and likely to be undertaken sympathetically, the specification allows for considerably more than 1.5metres to be undertaken, which is unsatisfactory as it does not establish the extent of pruning and could, in theory, permit a harmful loss of crown material and corresponding impact on amenity.

The tree, subject of this application, has been incorrectly located on their map.

### Conclusions:

The reasoning behind this application is sound but the proposal does not seem to reflect the ambition of the applicant/agent.

However unlikely, a strict interpretation of the wording by an unscrupulous person could result in significant harm occurring to the tree.

### Recommendation:

As it stands, I am unable to support this application. I **would like the applicant to be invited to agree to a revised proposal for lesser works (such as described below) as part of the current application so as**

**not to incur further delay.** Such work would seem to address the applicant's concern whilst ensuring no detriment to tree health or loss of amenity:

- *Prune branches as necessary, to achieve a maximum of 2metres clearance from adjacent garage building.*

You may also require them to submit a new map showing the correct location of the oak tree.

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If the applicant agrees to the above revision then I would recommend we grant consent, 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

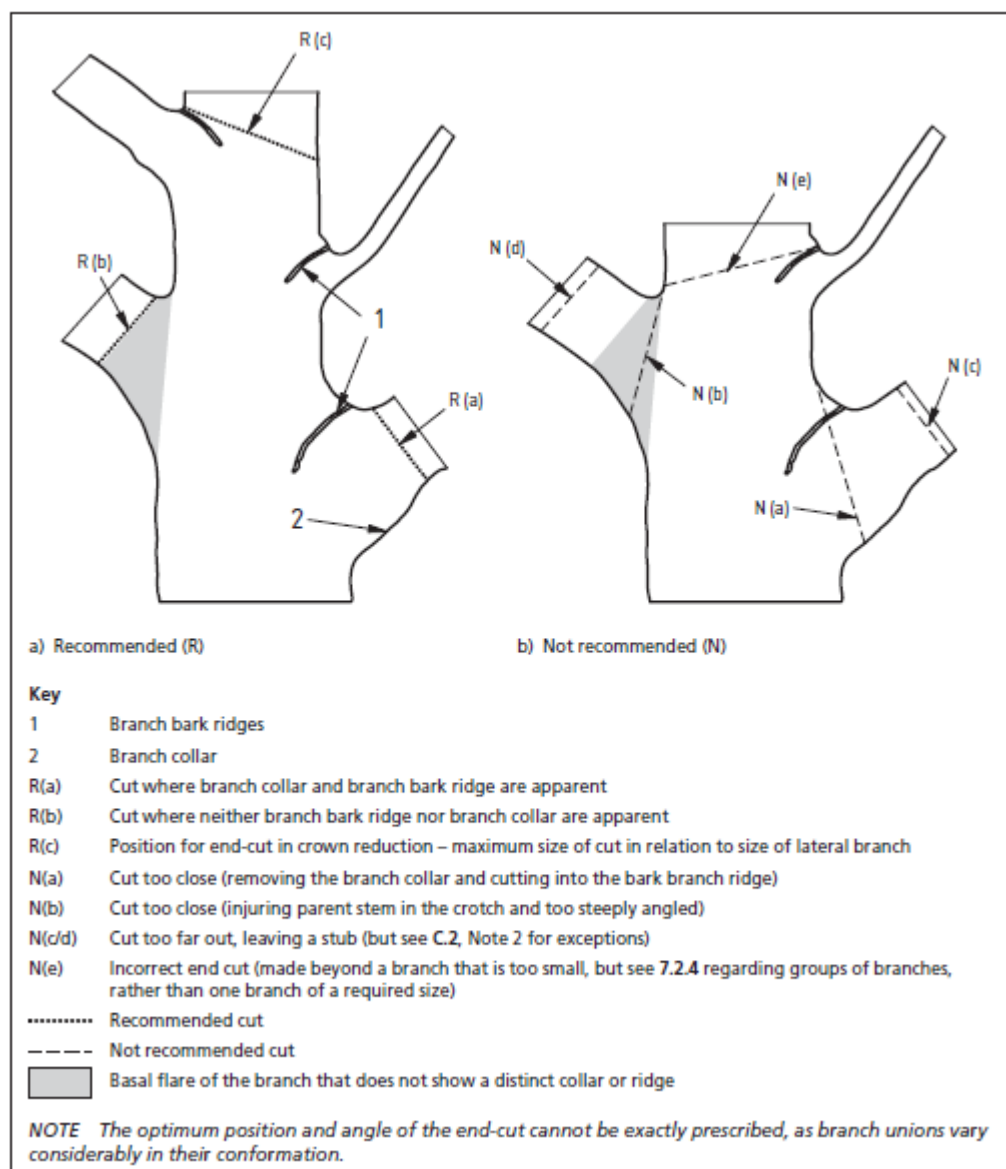
Part b) Where branches are to be shortened back the final cuts are to be made at the correct angle shown in BS3998:2010 and adjacent to a live bud or lateral.

**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***

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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts



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Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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