

Planning Officer: Richard Sherman

Planning Application Ref: AW/209/21/T

Location: 2 Greyfriars Close, Aldwick, PO21 5RH

Description of works: Blue Cedar. Lift crown to North to 3m and reduce crown by 1m from edge of footway. Reduce crown to give 2m clearance of building. Reduce and lift crown to 5m above carriageway

Reasons given: To achieve adequate clearance from building and over public highway

Comments on Application:

Cedar, blue Atlas / *Cedrus atlantica Glauca* Approx. height: 12m Average spread: 5m
Age class: Early mature

- This tree appears to be outwardly healthy and stable. It has multiple upright stems forming a compact crown and free of any obvious structural defect. Despite historic loss/removal of an interior stem and past reduction pruning it presents an attractive crown profile.
- It grows at the front of the property and is prominent within the close. It can also be seen by traffic (pedestrian and vehicle) accessing/exiting this part of the estate. As such, it has public amenity value.

Conclusion:

- The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds. This is a prominent specimen tree and is to be carefully pruned to ensure adequate clearance of dwelling and highway, with respect for natural tree form.

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***

Mark Warwick
Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team

Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

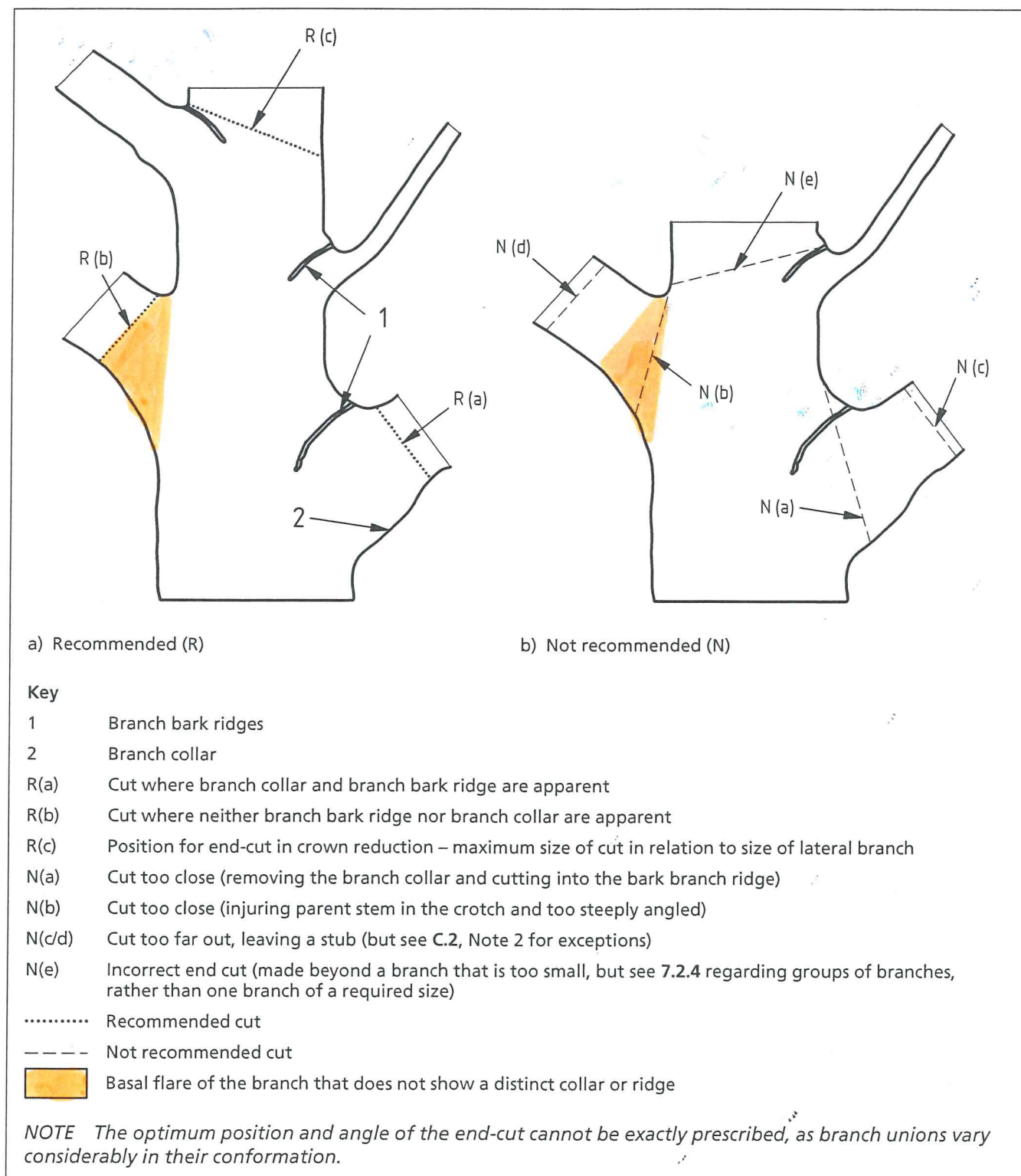


Figure 3 Crown lifting

