

CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date of inspection: 10th November 2025

Case Officer: Jonny Cooper

Reference: AW/218/25/T

Location: 10 Margaret Close, Aldwick, PO21 3AA

Proposal: Crown reduction to 1no. lime (T1) to leave a height of 15m and radial spreads of 1m. Crown reduction to 1no. oak tree (T2) to leave a height of 8m and radial spreads of 4m.

Reasons: Continuation of established cyclical pruning regime and to achieve a balanced crown profile.

Comments on Application:

T1 Lime / <i>Tilia</i> sp.	Height: 15-20m	Radial spread: 0-5m	Age class: Mature
T2 Pedunculate oak / <i>Quercus robur</i>	Height: 5-10m	Radial spread: 0-5m	Age class: Early mature

Both trees appear to be healthy and stable from afar and assumed to be so in the absence of any evidence provided to the contrary. It would be advisable to clear around the stem base of T1 to comprehensively assess its condition there.

T1 is by far the superior tree, in terms of its form, visibility and thereby its amenity offer. The oak is heavily suppressed but is young and apparently healthy, so remedial pruning as described, may facilitate more attractive form and greater long-term prospects.

Conclusions:

T1 - There is sufficient extension of new growth since the last pollarding operation was undertaken and so the proposal is justified on arboricultural grounds. T2 – Current suppressed form does not encourage a meaningful amenity offer; pruning to restore a balanced crown profile (whilst reducing the dominant effect of neighbouring T1) is therefore justified on the same grounds.

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

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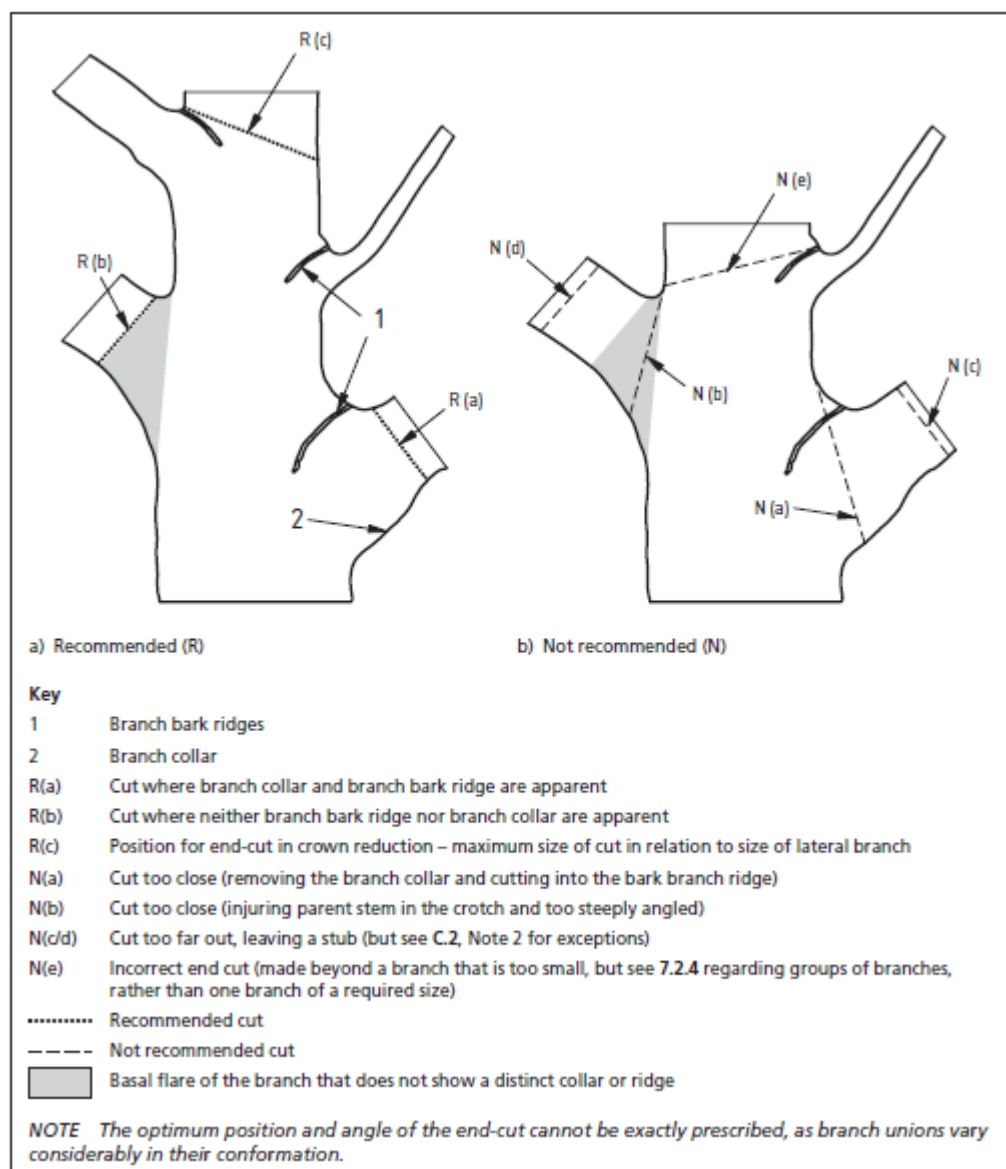
Hard pruning creates numerous and/or large wounds, incurring a physiological stress which may affect long-term health and vitality. The optimum time for pruning deciduous oak and lime trees is late spring to summer (May to August).

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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts



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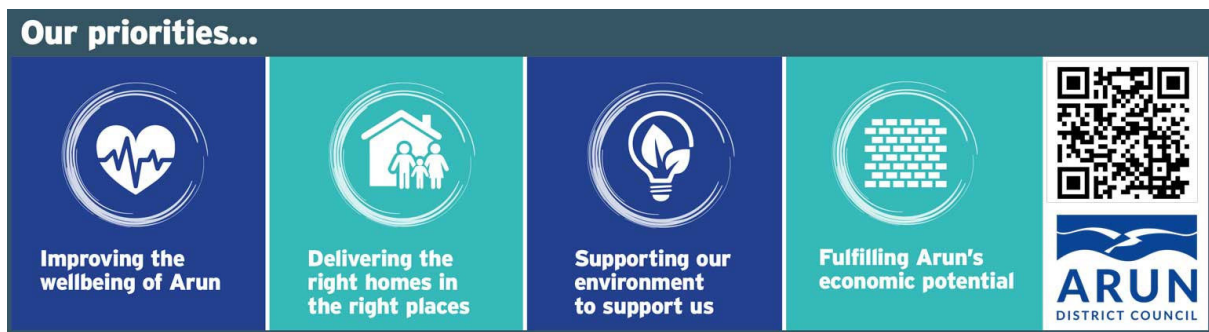
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Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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