

Planning Officer: Charlotte Easton

Planning Application Ref: **AW/219/18/T**

Location: **22 A'Beckets Avenue, Aldwick Bay Estate, PO21 4LX**

Description of works: **Crown reduction of 1No. Lime by 2m & thin & deadwood by 15%**

Reasons Given: None provided

Comments on Application:

Lime, large-leaved *Tilia platyphyllos* Height: Approx.18m Average spread: 7m Age class: Mature

- Outwardly and from a distance it appears to be in a fine physiological state. It grows at the rear of the property and can be seen from many neighbouring dwellings but only the upper crown can be seen easily from publicly accessible land.
- The removal of dead branches is an exception and does not require permission.
- This tree has been the subject of historic pollarding (or 'topping') at around 8m ht. the evidence for which is now discreet. It has grown-on well and supports a full crown with an attractive profile. Several outward facing limbs have become heavy above the historic pollard points.

Conclusions:

- Although no reasons have been given to support the work proposal; there is a likelihood of several large scaffold limbs developing an undesirably heavy limb/branch framework. The work proposed will go some way to reducing potential for that to occur - so can be justified on arboricultural grounds.
- If the work is undertaken to a good standard and at an appropriate time of year then it is unlikely to have a negative effect on the tree's long-term vitality.
- There will be no significant loss of visual amenity on completion of the proposed works.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **CONSENT** for this application, subject to the following conditions:

Conditions To Be Applied to Approved Work: -

- 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
- 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.
- The long-term vitality of this tree is best respected when significant pruning work such as proposed, is undertaken during either the mid-summer (mid-June to mid-September) or mid-winter (mid-December to mid-February) periods.

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.

Mark Warwick

Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team

Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

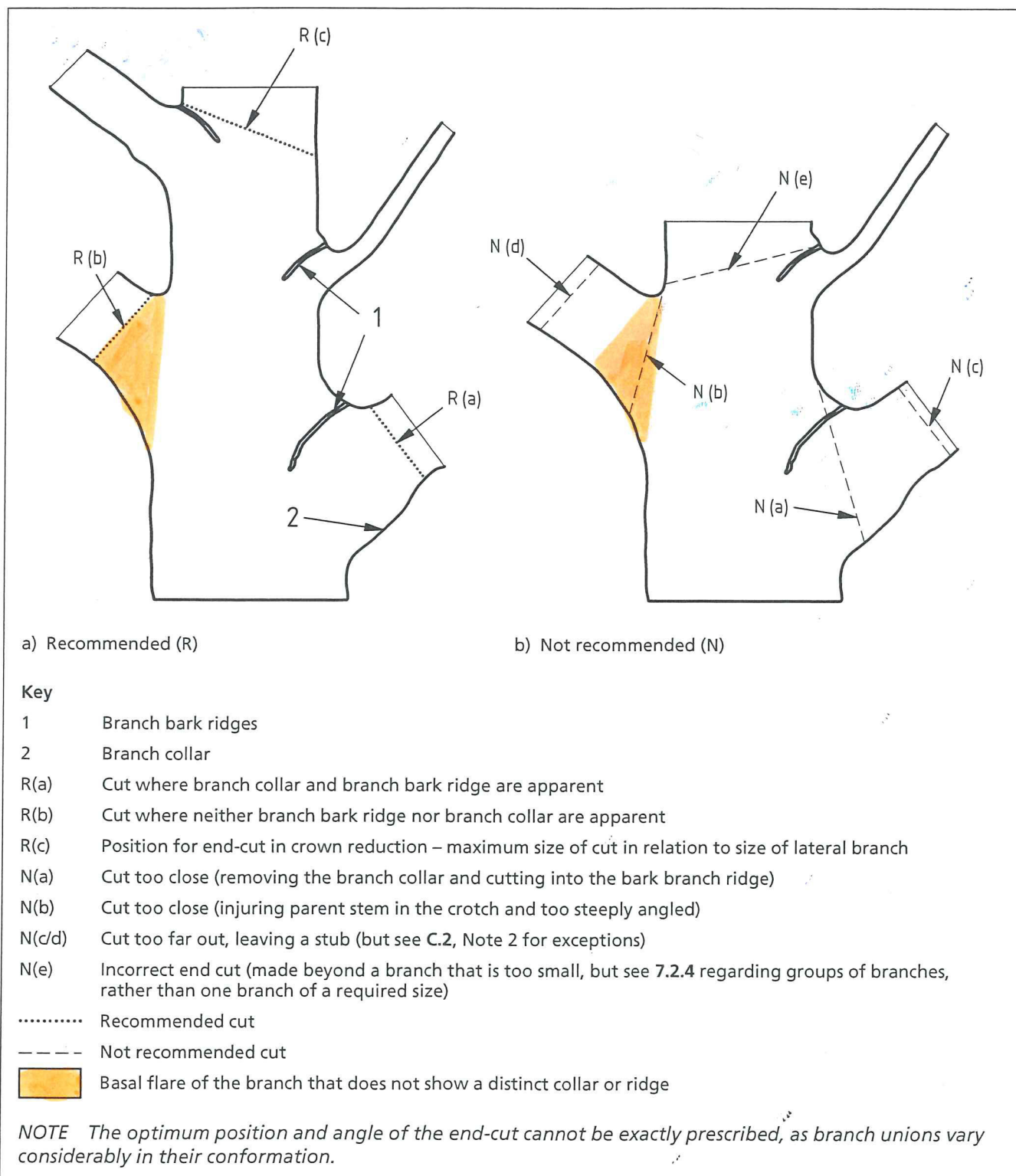


Figure 4 Diagrammatic illustration of crown reduction

