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Lynnyrd

Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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Planning Officer: Lynnyrd Wolfe

Planning Application Ref: AW/234/19/T

Location: 74 Barrack Lane, Bognor Regis, PO21 4DE

Description of works: Various works to 3no. hornbeam trees, 1no. beech tree & removal of 1no. willow tree

Reasons Given: 1. Health and safety 2. Interference with enjoyment of gardens and property.

Comments on Application:

T5 Hornbeam / <i>Carpinus betulus</i>	Approx. height: 14m	Average spread: 6m	Age class: Mature
T6 Willow, golden weeping / <i>Salix sepulcralis x Chrysocoma</i>	Approx. height: 15m	Average spread: 6m	Age class: Mature
T10 Beech / <i>Fagus sylvatica</i>	Approx. height: 14m	Average spread: 7m	Age class: Mature
T11 & T12 Hornbeam / <i>Carpinus betulus</i>	Approx. height: 14m	Average spread: 6m	Age class: Mature

- T5 - Tight linear group of 6 hornbeam stems, dominated by stand-out specimen (dbh reading approximately 850mm). Visible from neighbouring property but only with difficulty from publicly accessible land. With the exception of one dead stem at the south end of the group, they present as being in fine physiological state and structurally sound. Applicant seeks to achieve clearance of adjacent property and own garden although work specification is open to interpretation and requires clarification (see advisory comments).
- T6 – Although appears to be in a fine physiological state, stem and limb framework displays evidence of historic and recent large part failures. This has left the tree with an unbalanced form and ongoing concern for its structural integrity. It is visible from neighbouring property and in part from publicly accessible land. Although not obviously presenting ‘immediate threat of harm’ at this time, it is unviable for safe long-term retention at present dimensions and its visual amenity has been severely diminished.
- T10 – A large and prominent roadside tree in a fair physiological state with an attractive crown profile. It has high public amenity value. Only moderate crown density suggests this tree may be under some stress and so any management will need to be sensitive to this tree’s age and inherent low tolerance of hard pruning. Low growth is potentially problematic and there is scope for pruning to provide long-term clearance. The height and lateral extent of the crown does not appear to present any obvious problem. *Crown reduction* has not been justified.
- T11 & T12 - Tight linear group of 4 hornbeam stems, dominated by two stand-out specimens (dbh readings approximately 750mm). Visible from numerous properties and clearly from public highway (footway and carriageway). They present as being in fine physiological state and structurally sound. Applicant seeks to achieve adequate clearance of adjacent road and own garden although work specification is open to interpretation and requires clarification (see advisory comments).

Conclusions:

- The majority of work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds, however there is some ambiguity in some of the work specification which must be removed before we can be confident of granting consent for an appropriate extent of work on trees of high amenity value. T10, T11 and T12 are high profile specimen trees of significant public and visual amenity and are to be carefully pruned to maintain reasonable enjoyment of residential property and with respect for natural tree form.

Recommendations:

- As it stands, I recommend **REFUSAL** for this application.

Advisory:

- I would like to see the applicant submit a revised work specification such as detailed below, which would seem to address their concerns whilst securing the tree's landscape and public amenity value:

T5 hornbeam

- Reduce back selected branches on southern aspect, to achieve a maximum of 2metres clearance from neighbouring built structure (dwelling and verandah).
- Crown lift (removal of low branches) over applicant's garden to achieve a maximum of 4metres overhead clearance.

T10 beech

- Crown lift (removal of low branches) to achieve a maximum of; 5metres overhead clearance above driveways, 6metres overhead clearance above carriageway (public highway), 3metres overhead clearance on all other aspects if required.

T11 & T12 hornbeam

- Crown lift (removal of low branches) to achieve a maximum of; 6metres overhead clearance above carriageway (public highway), 4metres overhead clearance above applicant's garden.

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- If the applicant is prepared to re-submit in line with this advice, then I would be able to recommend APPROVAL subject to the following conditions:

Condition to Be Applied to All Approved Works: -

- 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) The long-term vitality of trees (**T5, T10, T11 and T12**) is best respected when significant pruning work such as proposed, is undertaken during the late-spring to summer period (May to August) or mid-winter (late-December to early-February) periods. The work must only be undertaken during these 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

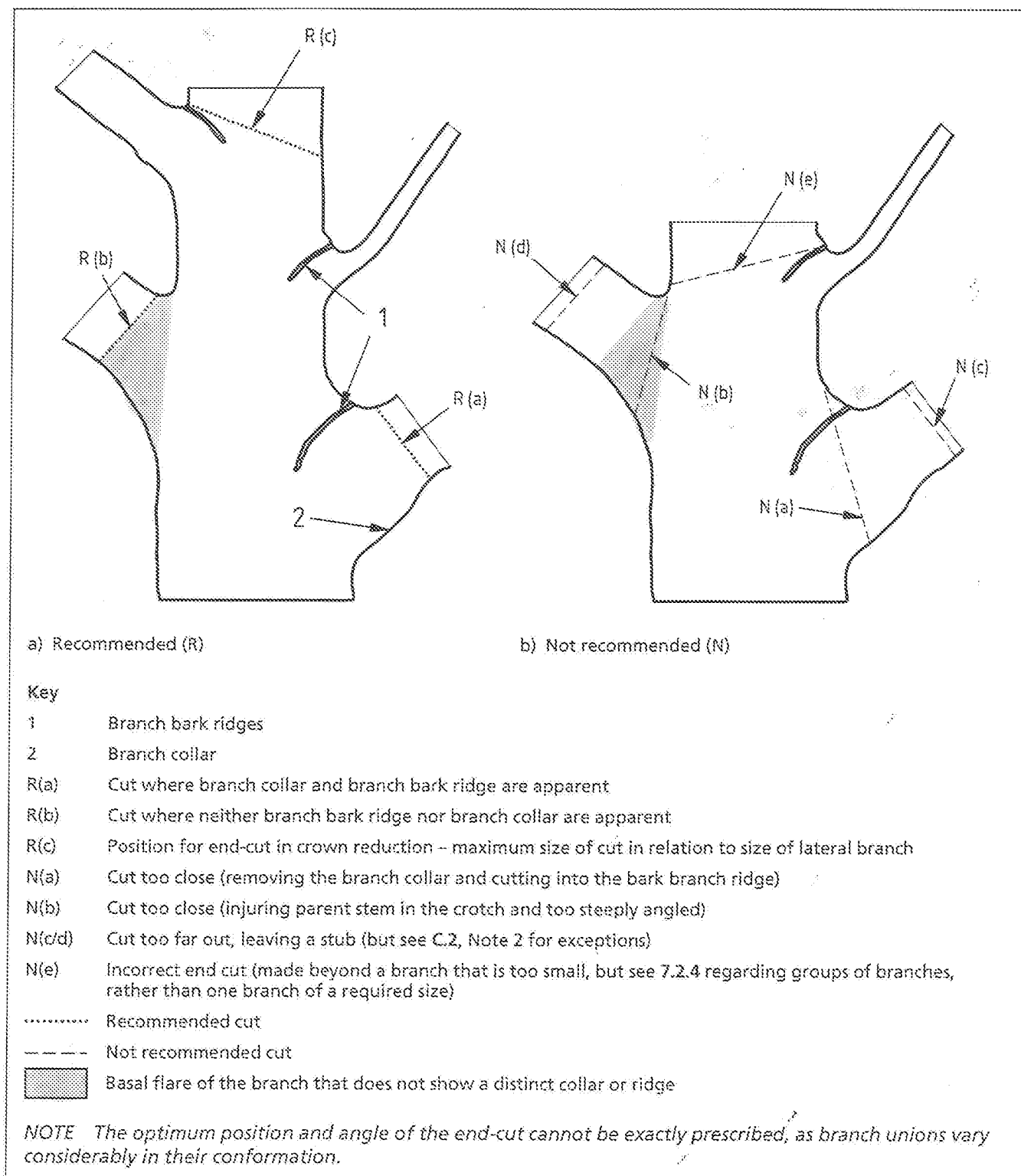


Figure 3 Crown lifting

