

CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date of inspection: 11th December 2025

Case Officer: Silvie Steiningerova
Reference: AW/246/25/T
Location: 221 Manor Way, Aldwick, PO21 4HS
Proposal: Crown reduction to 1no. lime (T1) to leave a final height of 16m and spread of 15m.
Reason: To prevent encroachment on adjacent trees

Comments on Application:

Lime sp. / <i>Tilia platyphyllos/cordata</i>	Height: 15-20m	Radial spread: 5-10m	Age class: Mature
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T1 is the subject of a preservation order – Bognor No.2. Whilst mature and long-established, it is only visible in large part from neighbouring properties. Physiologically in a fine condition and displays an attractive (largely unmodified) crown profile.

It is the superior tree locally and majority contained within the applicant's property. Some boundary overhang exists to the west and it slightly suppresses a smaller garden tree to the south.

The crown appears slightly congested and main stem/scaffold limb unions are imperfect. Whilst not an obvious concern at present, containment pruning (reduction in height and spread) is likely to become necessary. For this reason I support the proposal, although recommend a lighter prune to maintain as much small branch network as possible, so that it persists as an attractive feature. Red tinted shoots and graceful branch architecture make the winter silhouette an endearing quality of this native species, which could be lost if unsympathetically pruned.

Once whole crown reduction pruning has been initiated, repeat operations will be necessary throughout the tree's lifespan, to maintain a degree of structural integrity appropriate for its location. Newly formed branches from those cut ends are inherently weaker than those which are part of the primary network.

Conclusions:

The proposed work can be justified on arboricultural grounds. 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.

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*

Informative:

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 lime trees is late spring to summer (May to August).

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Environment and Climate Change

Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

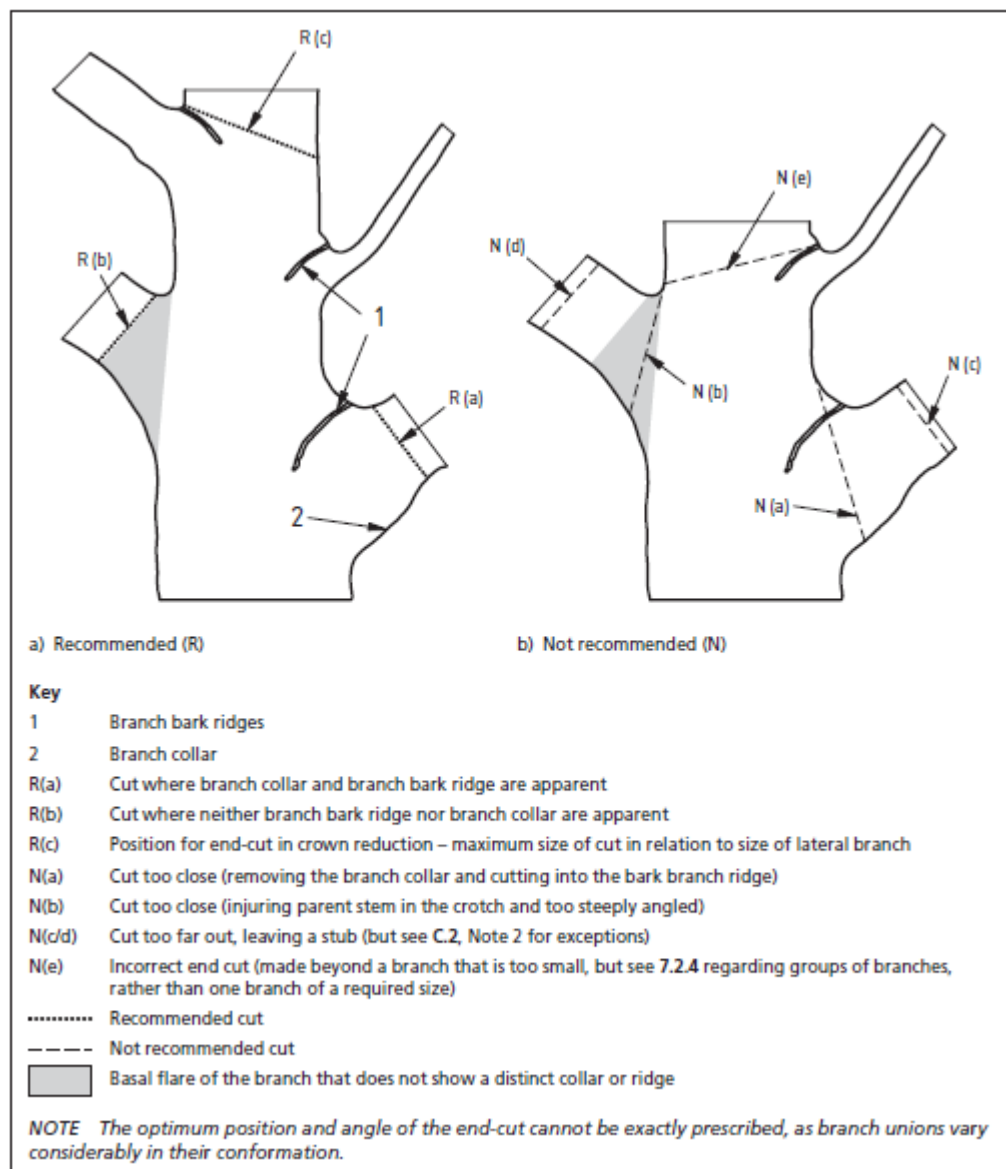
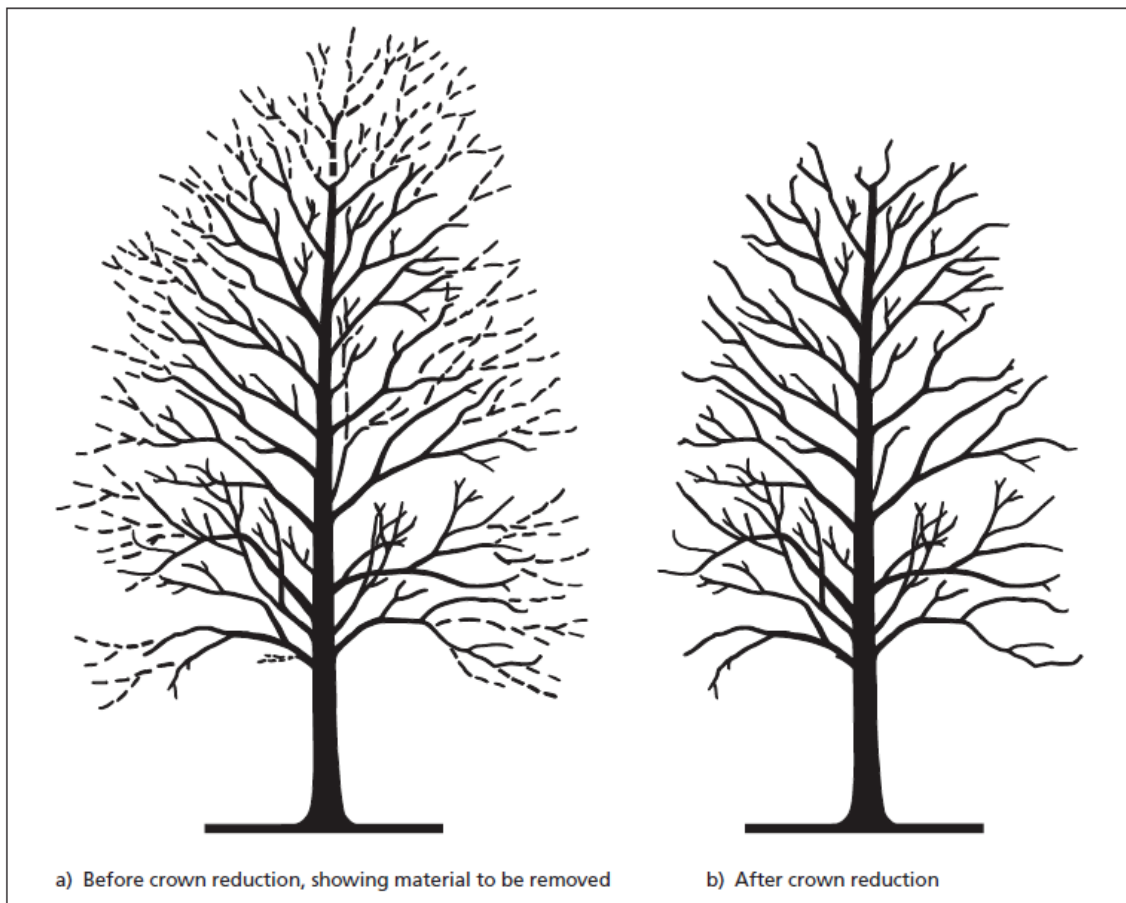


Figure 4 Diagrammatic illustration of crown reduction



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Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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