

CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date of inspection: 17th December 2025

Case Officer: Jonny Cooper

Reference: AW/250/25/T

Location: Church Of St Anthony Viareggio, Gossamer Lane, Rose Green, Aldwick, PO21 3DD

Proposal: Crown reduction to 1no. oak (T1) to leave an easterly spread of 5m and westerly spread of 5m. Removal of dead wood.

Reason: None given

Comments on Application:

Pedunculate oak / *Quercus robur* Height: 10-15m Radial spread: 5-10m Age class: Early Mature

Tree appears to be healthy and stable with an attractive crown profile. Suppression by a large poplar to the north has not been unkind to this tree; it has spread to develop a balanced compact form, which is visually interesting. It is highly visible from the adjacent busy highway and surrounding properties.

Lateral branches overhang the building to a problematic extent and reach out over the public highway towards street furniture and utility apparatus.

The removal of deadwood is an exception. Prior notice to or consent from the local planning authority is not required.

Conclusions:

The proposed work can be justified on arboricultural grounds. There should be no undue harm to the health of the tree or visual amenity, if undertaken to a high standard and at an appropriate time.

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) All pruning cuts shall not exceed 75mm in diameter.

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:

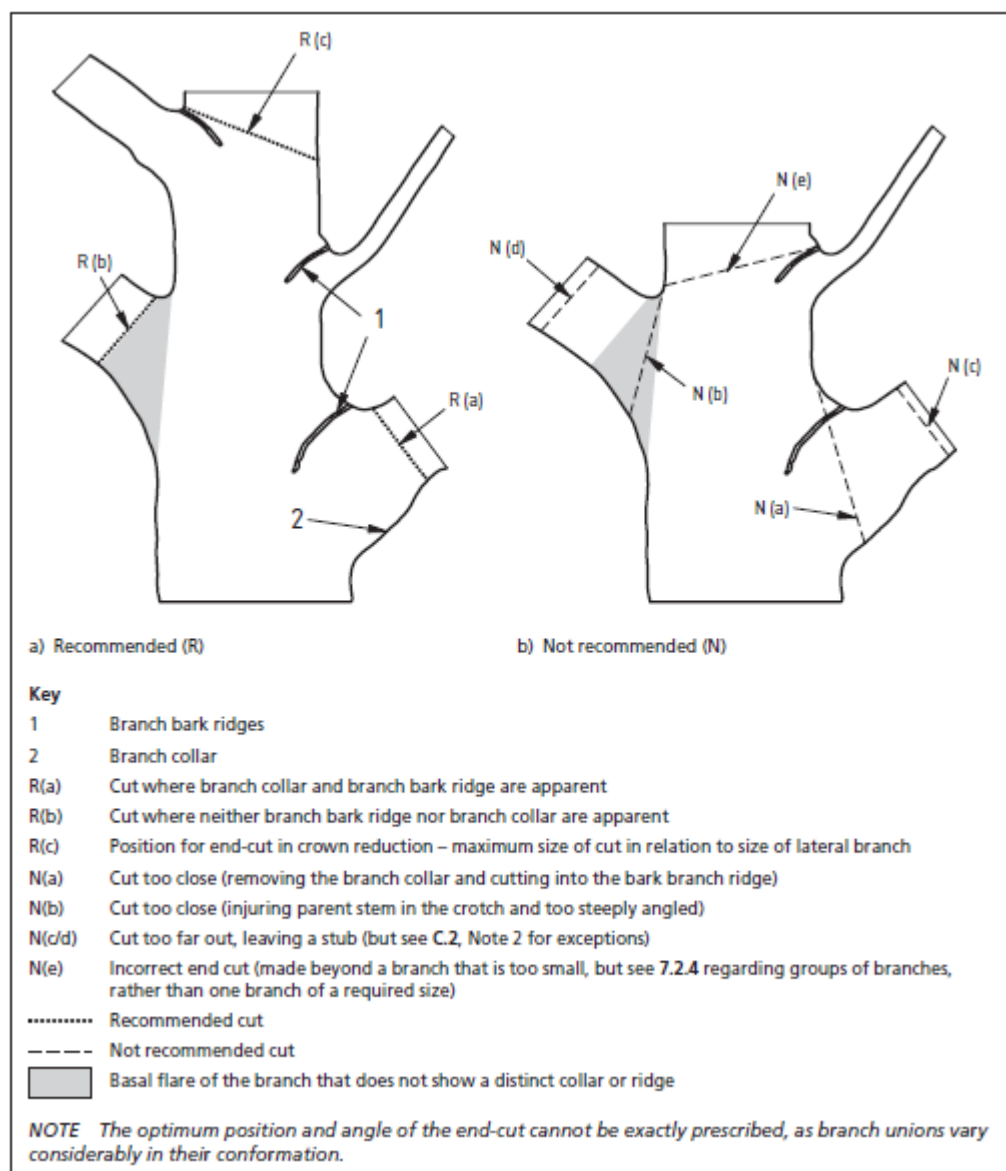
Hard pruning creates numerous and/or large wounds, incurring a physiological stress which may affect long-term health and vitality. The optimum time for pruning deciduous oak trees is late spring to summer (May to August). Winter months when the trees are dormant is the traditional season for such work and certainly much less harmful than undertaking during spring or autumn, which should be avoided.

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Tree Officer

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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts



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Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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