

CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date of inspection: 17th December 2025

Case Officer: Jonny Cooper

Reference: AW/252/25/T

Location: Headland House, Strange Garden, Aldwick, PO21 4AL

Proposal: Crown reduction to 1no. oak (T1) to leave a height of 13m and spread of 10m.

Reason: None given

Comments on Application:

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

T1 appears to be in good health and stable. It is discreetly located and offers little if any amenity to the surrounding area, nonetheless it is an interesting tree. There is a large cavity low in the main stem, above which it is contorted and supports a stunted crown of low density, a probable effect of its exposure to salt-laden winds.

Such coastal trees need to be carefully managed as they find it more difficult and take much longer to recover from hard pruning than those in more sheltered locations.

Conclusions:

While a physiological stress will inevitably be imposed, 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.

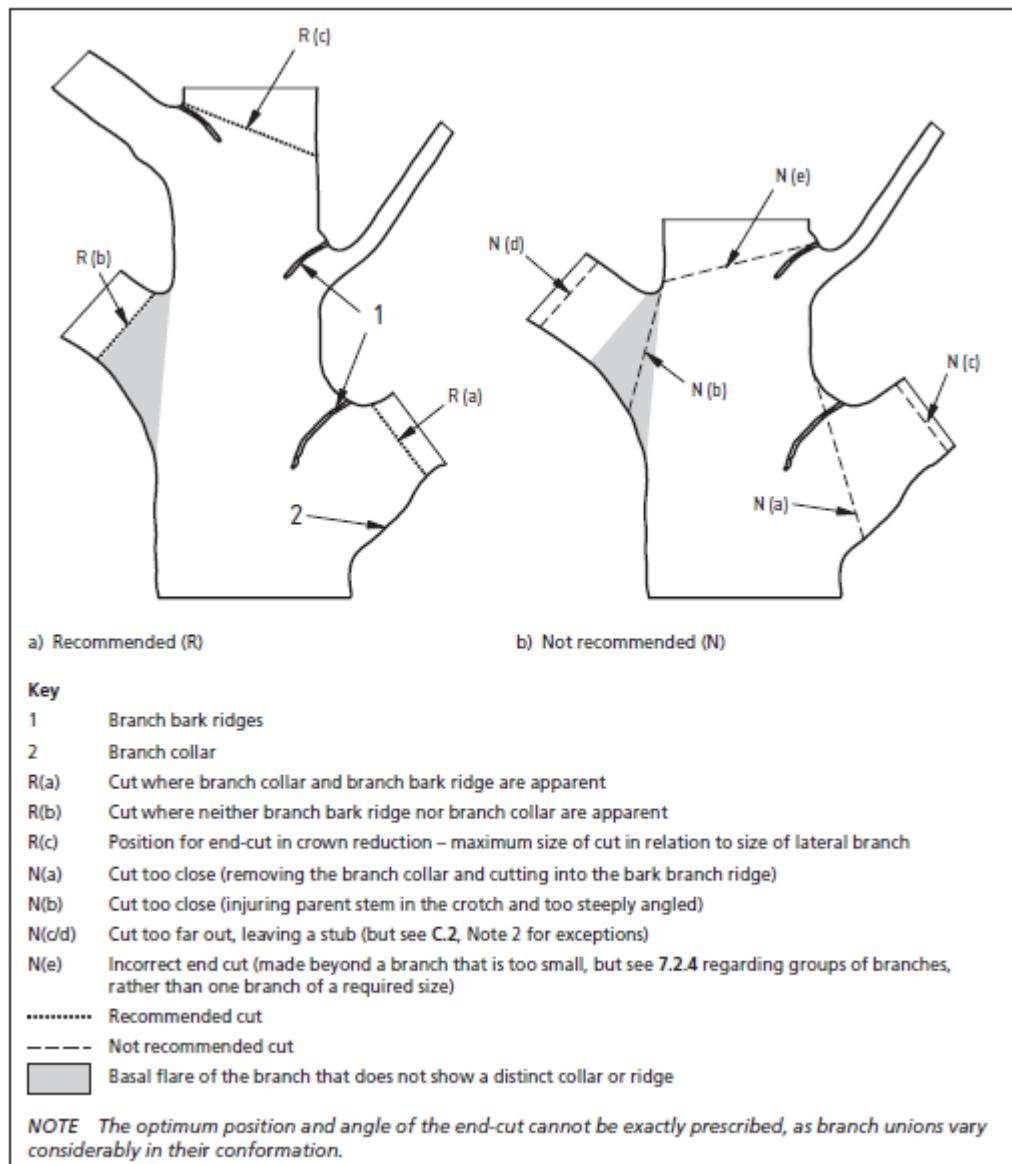
- See also the standard pruning guidance notes issued with the consent letter

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 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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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts



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Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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