

CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date of inspection: 17th December 2025

Case Officer: Jonny Cooper

Reference: AW/259/25/T

Location: 12 Margaret Close, Aldwick, PO21 3AA

Proposal: Crown reduction to 1no. English oak (T1) to leave a height of 15m, northerly spread of 5m, southerly spread of 3.5m, easterly spread of 6m, and westerly spread of 6m.

Reason: Risk management. Blocking light to property affecting growth of other plants

Comments on Application:

Pedunculate oak / *Quercus robur* Height: 15-20m Radial spread: 5-10m Age class: Early mature

From roadside this tree appears to be in a fine physiological state and stable. It has a visually appealing crown profile, a result of limited pruning in the upper crown, which is visible from surrounding properties.

It should be assumed that the tree has high growth potential. Sadly constrained and partly obscured by proximity of dwellings, it nonetheless contributes to the high canopy which defines the character of the area.

It is proposed that only small diameter branches are reduced to leave a minimum of 3.5metres on the tree's southern side when measured from the bark of main stem. There will be no reduction of crown height or spread on any other aspect.

Conclusions:

Whilst I find the reasons for the proposal insufficient to justify the work on arboricultural grounds, it is foreseeable that future crown spread to the south will become problematic and so a degree of early intervention pruning to limit that effect is reasonable.

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.

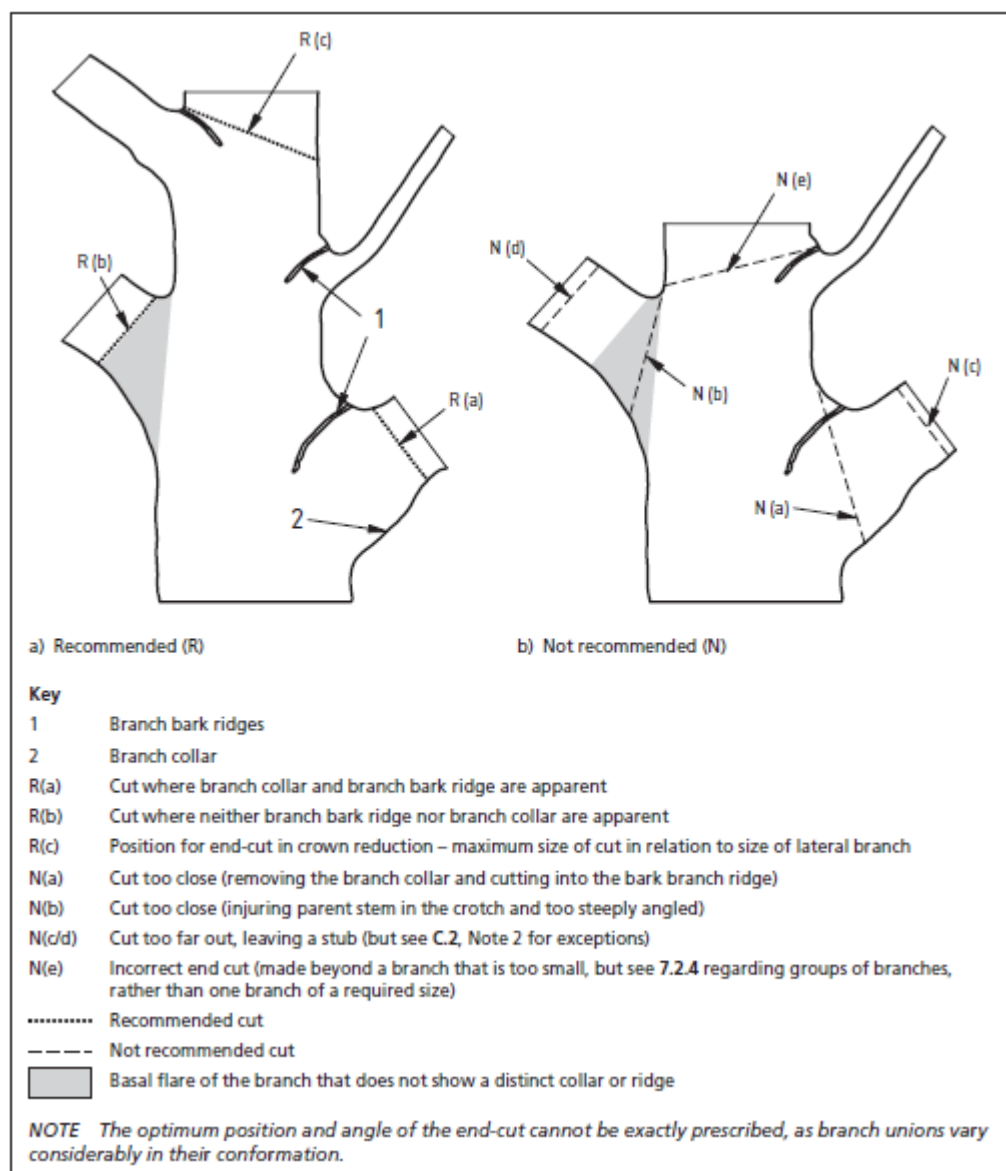
- See also the standard pruning guidance notes issued with the consent letter

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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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