

CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date of report: 29th January 2026

Case Officer: Jonny Cooper

Reference: AW/261/25/T

Location: 19 Craigweil Lane, Aldwick, PO21 4AN

Proposal: Crown reduction to 2no. sycamores to leave a height of 4m and branches cut back to leave trunk (T1,T2). Crown reduction to 2no. sycamores to leave heights of 3.5-4m, and spreads of 1.2m (T3) and 1.1m (T4). Crown reduction of 3no. poplars (T5,T6,T7) to leave a height of 3m and cut back branches to leave trunks.

Reason: To achieve good husbandry

Comments on Application:

I have considered this application by means of a desktop review, using the information submitted as well as online resources. Previous consideration from site and familiarity with surrounding areas provide further insight to the proposal.

All have previously been the subject of whole crown reduction pruning, last undertaken c2020. This proposal seeks a repeat of operations previously granted consent by the local planning authority and which will be necessary throughout their lifespan, to achieve a degree of structural integrity appropriate for the location.

Conclusions:

While a temporary loss of aesthetic value is inevitable, satisfactory canopy renewal and recovery should occur if the work is undertaken to a high standard and at an appropriate time of year.

The proposed work has been justified on arboricultural grounds.

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) Where crown reduction work has occurred previously, the removal of subsequent growth (shoots and branches) and position of final cuts must ensure retention of all established knuckles.

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***

Informative:

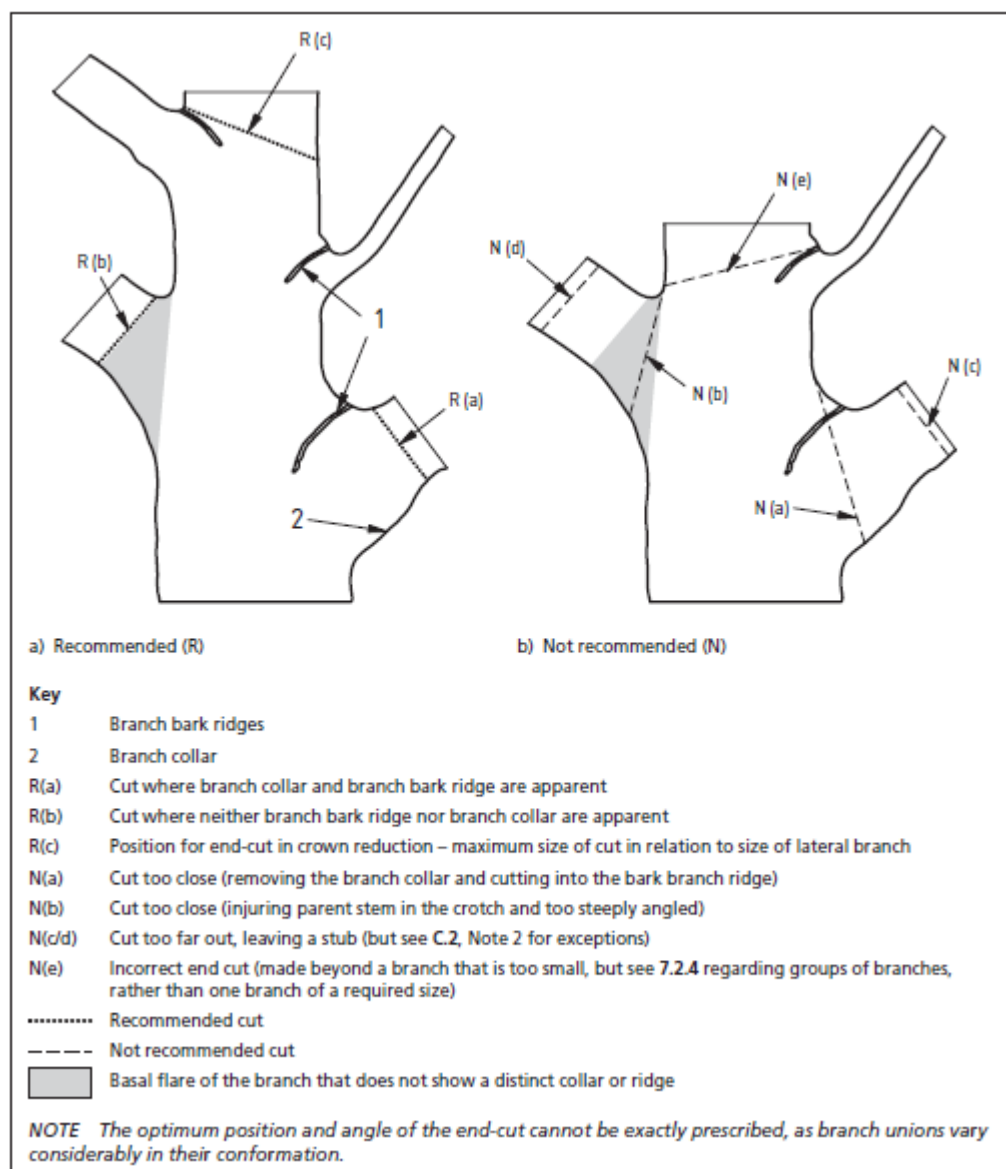
Hard pruning creates numerous and/or large wounds, incurring a physiological stress which may affect long-term health and vitality. The optimum time for pruning sycamore is summer or midwinter. For poplar trees mid-winter is optimal. Both are prone to bleeding.

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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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