

CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date of report: 23rd December 2025

Case Officer: Jonny Cooper
Reference: AW/264/25/T
Location: 31 Countisbury Close, Aldwick, PO21 3QW
Proposal: Re-pollarding of 1no. willow (T1) to leave a height of 14m and spread of 10m.
Reason: None given

Comments on Application:

Golden weeping willow / *Salix x sepulcralis* var. *chrysocoma*

Height: 15-20m

Radial spread: 5-10m

Age class: Mature

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 provides further insight to the proposal.

T1 is prominent in the street scene and can be clearly seen from numerous residential dwellings and to highway users.

The proposal to reduce overall height and spread back to established knuckles is consistent with previous works approved by the Local Planning Authority. Repeat operations will be necessary throughout the remaining lifespan of this tree, to achieve a degree of structural integrity appropriate for its location.

Conclusions:

There is sufficient extension of new growth since the last operation was undertaken, so the proposal is justified on arboricultural grounds.

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.

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 interest of the tree's continued health and vitality and to accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice.

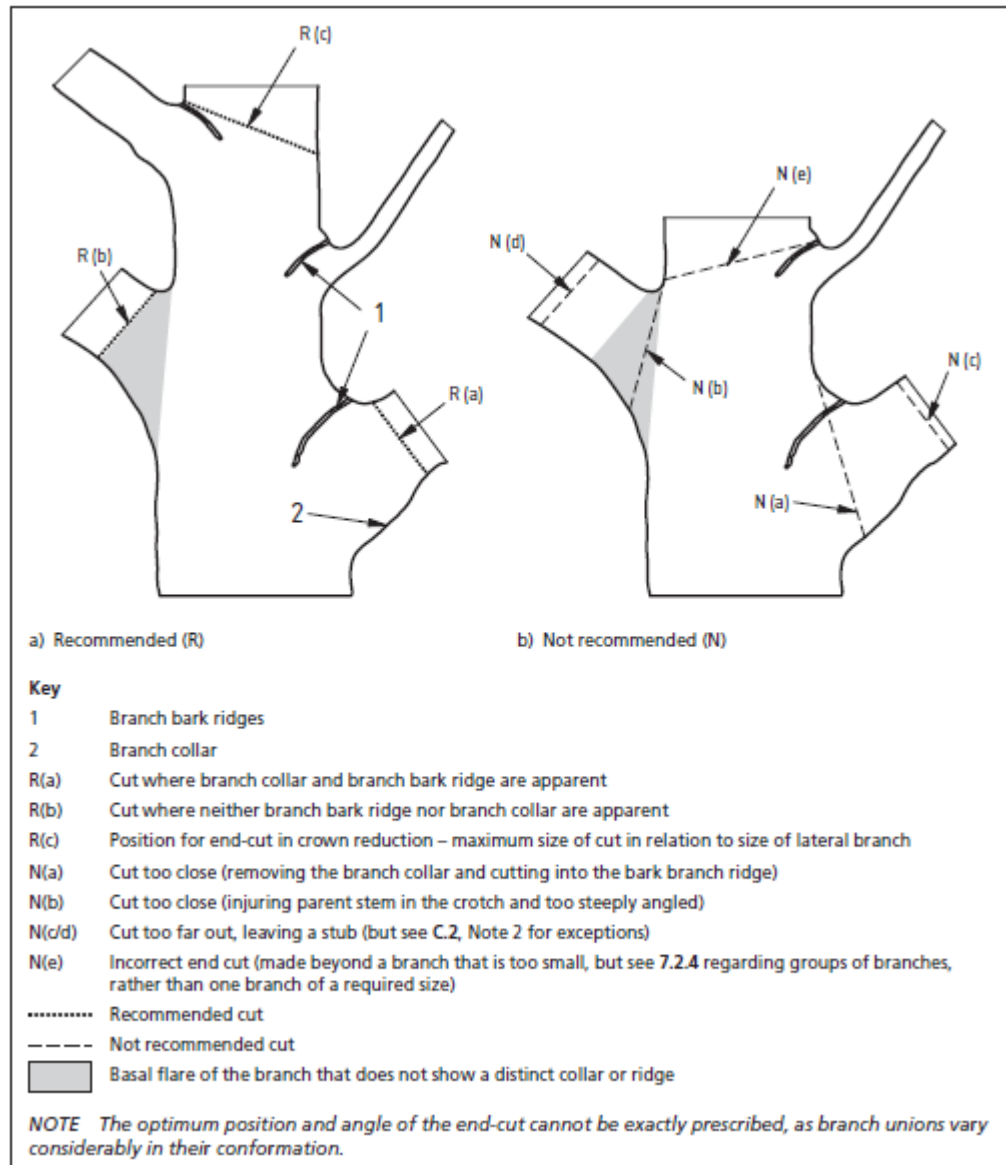
- See also the *standard pruning guidance notes issued with the consent letter*

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

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Environment and Climate Change

Figure 2 Positions of final cuts



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Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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