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Charlotte

Please find attached my comments/observations for your consideration.

Regards,

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Figure 4 Diagrammatic illustration of crown reduction

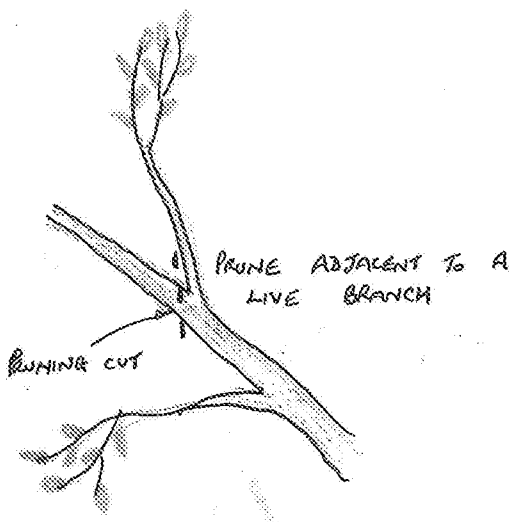
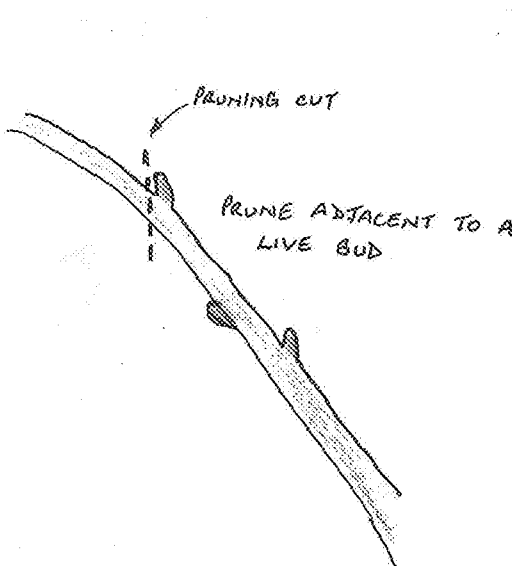
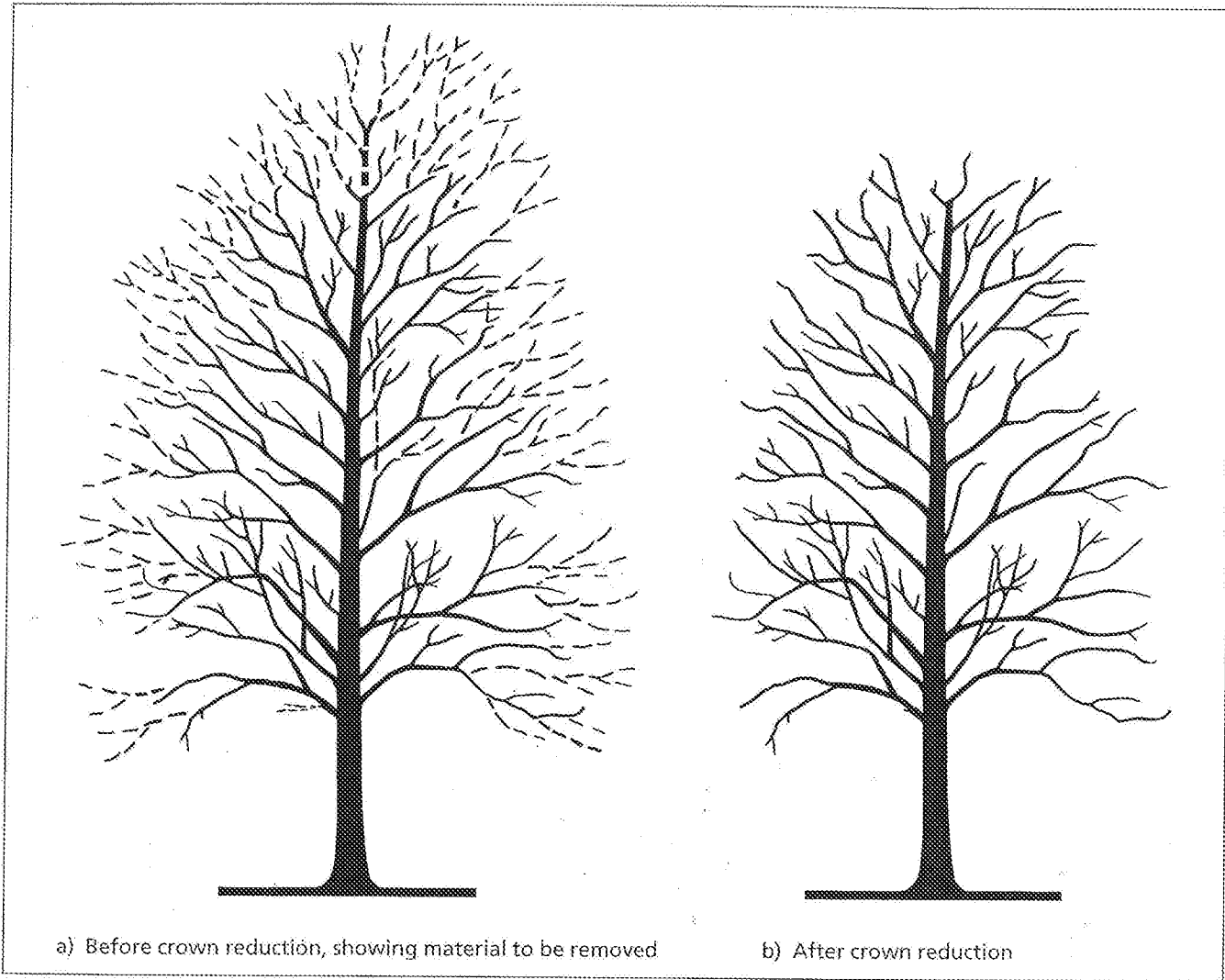
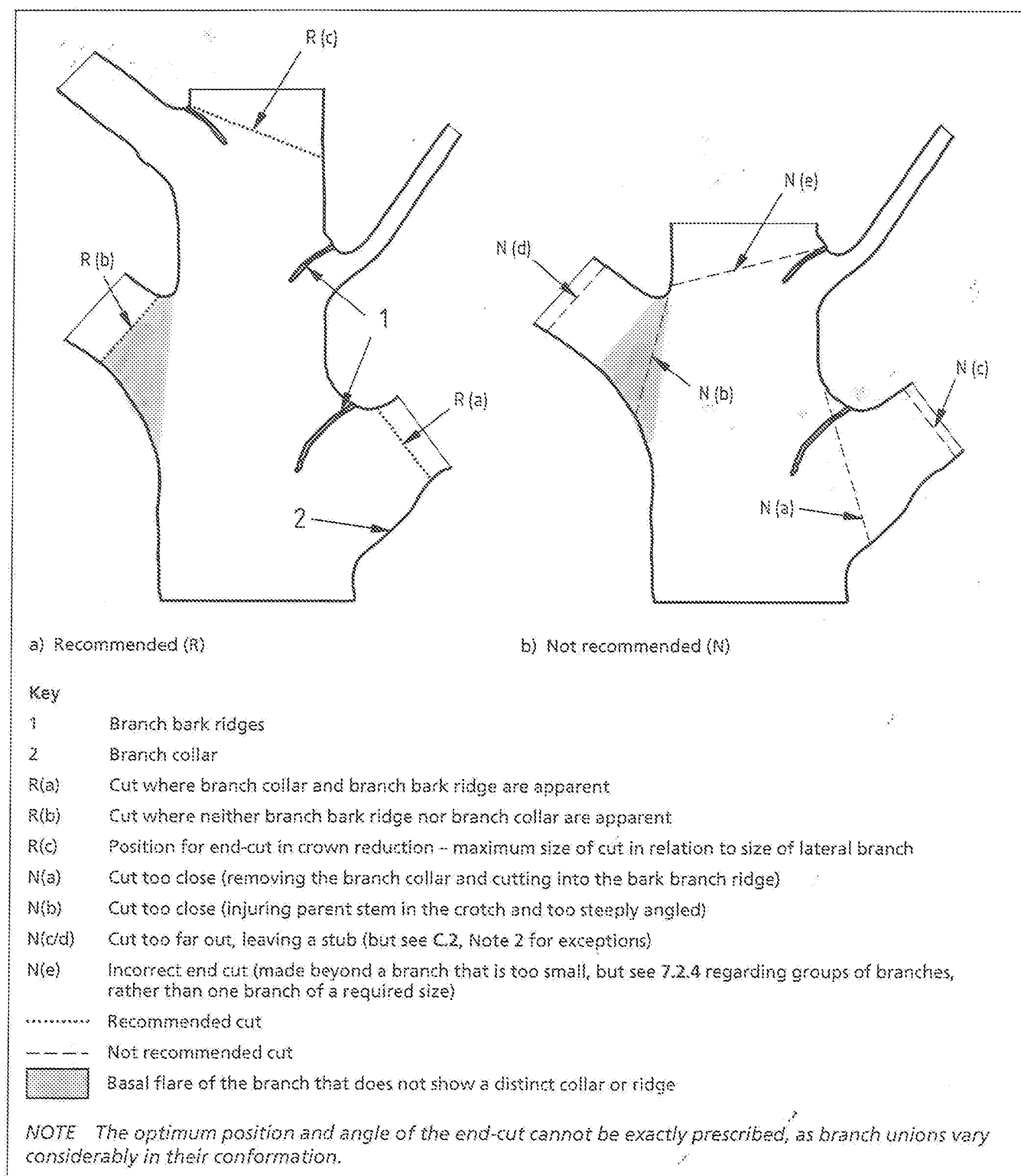


Figure 2 Positions of final cuts



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Planning Application Ref: AW/268/18/T

Location: 117 Barrack Lane Aldwick PO21 4ED

Description of works: Reduce crown of 1 No. Hawthorn by 1.5m, reduce height of Conifers by 2m & sides by 1.5m, reduce height of 1 No. Sycamore by 2m & sides by 1.5m, reduce crown of 1 No. Holly by 1.5m, reduce lateral branches of 1 No. Himalayan Cedar by 1.5m & reduce Leylandii Hedge by 1m.

Reasons Given: Overhanging highway and property with potential for damage to the roof and windows of the property.

Comments on Application:

T6 Sycamore / *Acer pseudoplatanus* Height: Approx. 14m Average spread: 4m Age class: Early mature

- According to our records, this plot lies outside of any Conservation Area but is covered by blanket area Order (Bognor No.2). I have determined that only the sycamore referred to as T6 in this application is of sufficient age to be considered a subject of that Order. As such, all other tree works proposed in this application do not require our consent.
- This tree appears to be generally healthy and stable with an attractive crown profile, although has only moderate shoot extension and a deep void behind an open cavity at the stem base.
- While sycamore is noted for their tolerance of salt-laden winds, this is an exposed location and there may be justifiable concern for the long-term structural integrity of this tree.
- It grows from a prominent position being highly visible from the public highway, neighbouring properties and traffic accessing/exiting the estate.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed is justified and if undertaken to a high standard and at the right time will not incur a significant loss of amenity value to the surrounding area.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **CONSENT** for this application, subject to the following conditions:

Conditions To Be Applied to Approved Work: -

- 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
- 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.
- The long-term vitality of this tree is best respected when significant pruning work such as proposed, is undertaken during either the mid-summer (mid-June to mid-September) or mid-winter (mid-December to mid-February) periods. The work proposed must only be undertaken during these periods.

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.*

Mark Warwick

Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team