

CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date of inspection: 5th January 2026

Case Officer: Silvie Steiningerova

Reference: AW/270/25/T

Location: Street Record, Aldwick Place, Aldwick, PO21 4AD

Proposal: Crown reduction to 1no. sycamore (T1) to leave a height of 10m, northerly spread of 4m, westerly spread of 3m. Crown reduction to 1no. sycamore (T2) to leave a height of 10m, westerly spread of 3m. Crown reduction to 1no. sycamore (T3) to leave a height of 10m, southerly spread of 3m, easterly spread of 2m. Crown reduction to 1no. sycamore (T4) to leave a height of 8m, northerly spread of 3m, easterly spread of 2.5m, westerly and southerly spreads of 2m. Crown reduction to 1no. sycamore (T5) to leave a height of 10m and spread of 6m. Crown reduction to 1no. whitebeam (T6) to leave northerly, southerly and westerly spreads of 4m.

Reasons: To contain trees in proximity of buildings, other trees, while maintaining natural shape

Comments on Application:

T1-T3 Sycamore / <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	Height: 10-15m	Radial spread: 5-10m	Age class: Mature
T4 Sycamore / <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	Height: 5-10m	Radial spread: 0-5m	Age class: Mature
T5 Sycamore / <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	Height: 10-15m	Radial spread: 5-10m	Age class: Mature
T6 Swedish whitebeam / <i>Sorbus x intermedia</i>	Height: 5-10m	Radial spread: 0-5m	Age class: Mature

T1, T2, T3, T4 & T5 are likely subjects of a preservation order – Bognor No.2.

T5 & T6 are subjects of TPO/AW/265/10

T1-T3 From roadside these trees appear to be in a fine physiological state. They are unremarkable as individuals but together form a prominent group on the estate that provides some visual amenity. There is a history of heavy pruning (crude pollard), with main stems truncated between 6 and 8metres above ground level. This proposal does not seek to repeat that work; a welcome amount of small branch network is to be retained above central knuckles. Lateral spread will be returned to established knuckles at several locations across the group.

T4 Appears to be in a fine physiological state. Multiple stems from near base. Prominent in the skyline but like T1-T3 has been the subject of heavy pruning. 2-3metres of growth above established knuckles.

T5 There is no obvious justification for height or whole crown reduction of this tree. It appears healthy and possesses fine form, largely a result of its unmodified upper crown which can be seen from numerous properties and estate road network. A tree of high amenity value.

T6 Slightly suppressed on one side by the dominant T5 but is otherwise an attractive ornamental tree in apparent good health. The light reduction proposed to lateral spread on more extensive aspects ought not to diminish its value and provide a satisfactory degree of containment.

Conclusions:

T1-T4 There is sufficient extension of new growth since the last operations were undertaken and 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.

T5 The proposed work is not justified on arboricultural grounds and will incur undue harm to the tree and a loss of visual amenity.

T6 The proposed work is relatively minor and ought not to affect the trees long-term health or incur a loss of visual amenity.

Recommendations:

As it stands, I am unable to support this application. **I would like the applicant invited to agree to remove T5 from the proposal, as part of the current application so as not to incur further delay.** The remaining majority of work will address most of the applicant's concerns whilst ensuring no detriment to tree health or loss of amenity.

If the applicant agrees to the above revision, then I would be able to recommend we grant consent, 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:

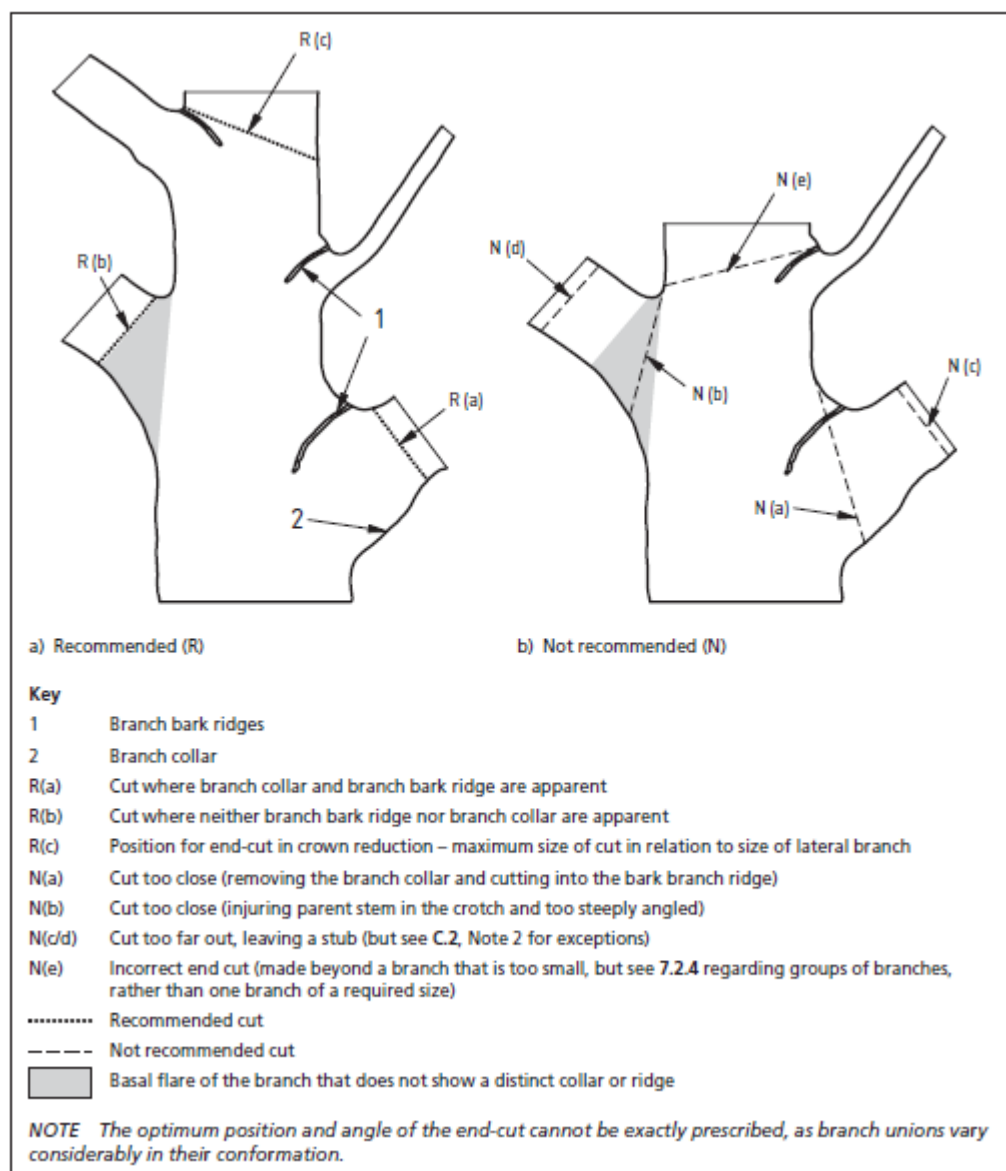
Hard pruning creates numerous and/or large wounds, incurring a physiological stress which may affect long-term health and vitality. The optimum time for pruning sycamore is summer or midwinter, as they are prone to bleeding.

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Tree Officer

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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

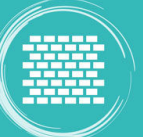


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Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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