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Lynnyrd

Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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Planning Officer: Lynnyrd Wolfe

Planning Application Ref: **AW/274/19/T**

Location: **Fence line to garage east of 41 Old Place, Aldwick, PO21 3AX**

Description of works: **Crown reduction by maximum 1.5m to 1no. oak tree (T1)**

Reasons Given: Excessive shade over residential property

Comments on Application:

T1 Pedunculate oak / *Quercus robur* Approx. height: 16m Average spread: 6m Age class: Mature

- The applicant has employed Andrew Gale Tree Surgery Ltd as agent, to undertake and submit a tree survey and plan in support of the proposal. The application is comprehensive and recommends a balanced work proposal to manage the tree in an appropriate state for its location.
- Outwardly and from a distance this tree appears to be healthy and stable. Despite a historic and heavy crown reduction pruning operation (from which it has grown on well) it presents an attractive crown profile. This it shares with a companion tree (T2), the subject of a complementary work proposal - tree work application AW/275/19/T.
- It is an important constituent of the high canopy tree population which help define the character of the area and represent a significant public amenity.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds as it seeks to strike a balance between the tree's influence and potential impact on surrounding residential property and the need to retain trees with dignity by having respect for natural tree form.
- This tree requires careful management that respects its age and vulnerability to environmental changes and disease progression. If the work is undertaken to a high standard and at the right time; then it is unlikely to have an adverse effect on the tree's long-term vitality and visual amenity.

Recommendations:

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

Condition to Be Applied to Approved Work: -

- 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) The long-term vitality of this is best respected when significant pruning work such as proposed, is undertaken during the late-spring to summer period (May to August). The work proposed must only be undertaken during this period.
- Part d) The work proposed must be undertaken alongside (and not exceeding 5 working days hence or prior to) that which has been approved for its companion tree (T2 – AW/275/19/T); to respect the collective visual amenity provided by both and safeguard against potentially damaging winds wreaking havoc on exposed limbs and branches.

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

Advisory:

- It appears that these trees may be under 3rd party ownership. We are obliged to advise that where trees are situated on land not owned by the applicant the granting of consent by this authority does not by association give the applicant or their agent permission to instruct or undertake such work that requires access onto or from that land. Nor does it permit any pruning work to take place from adjacent property that would extend beyond the boundary of that land. Additional permission must first be obtained from the land/tree owner.

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Figure 4 Diagrammatic illustration of crown reduction

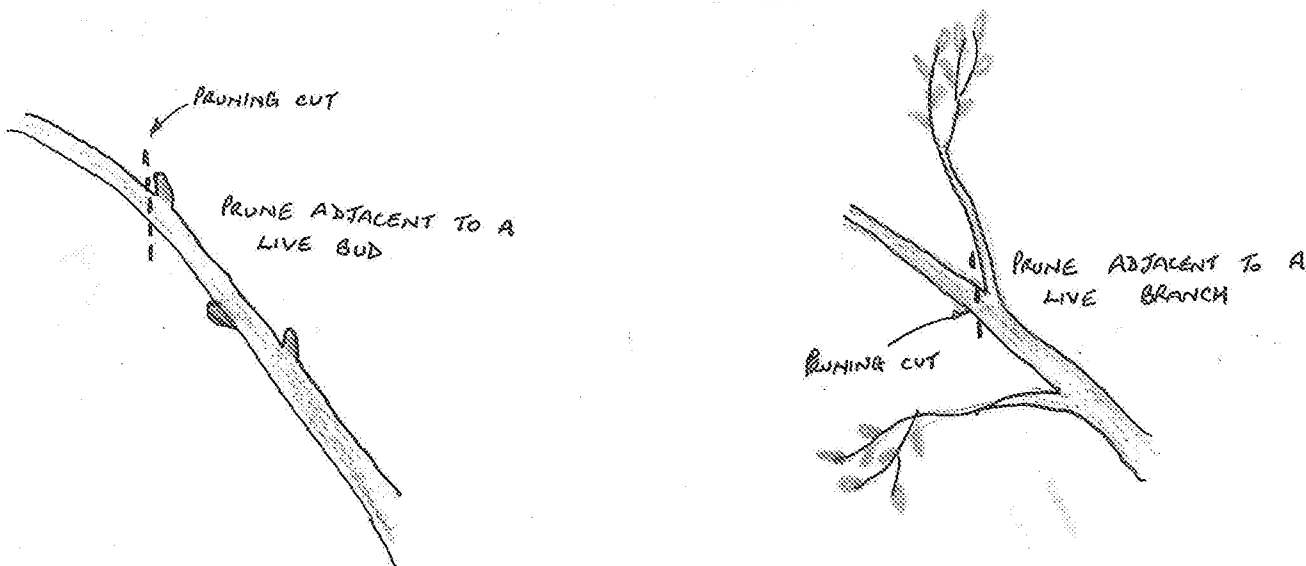
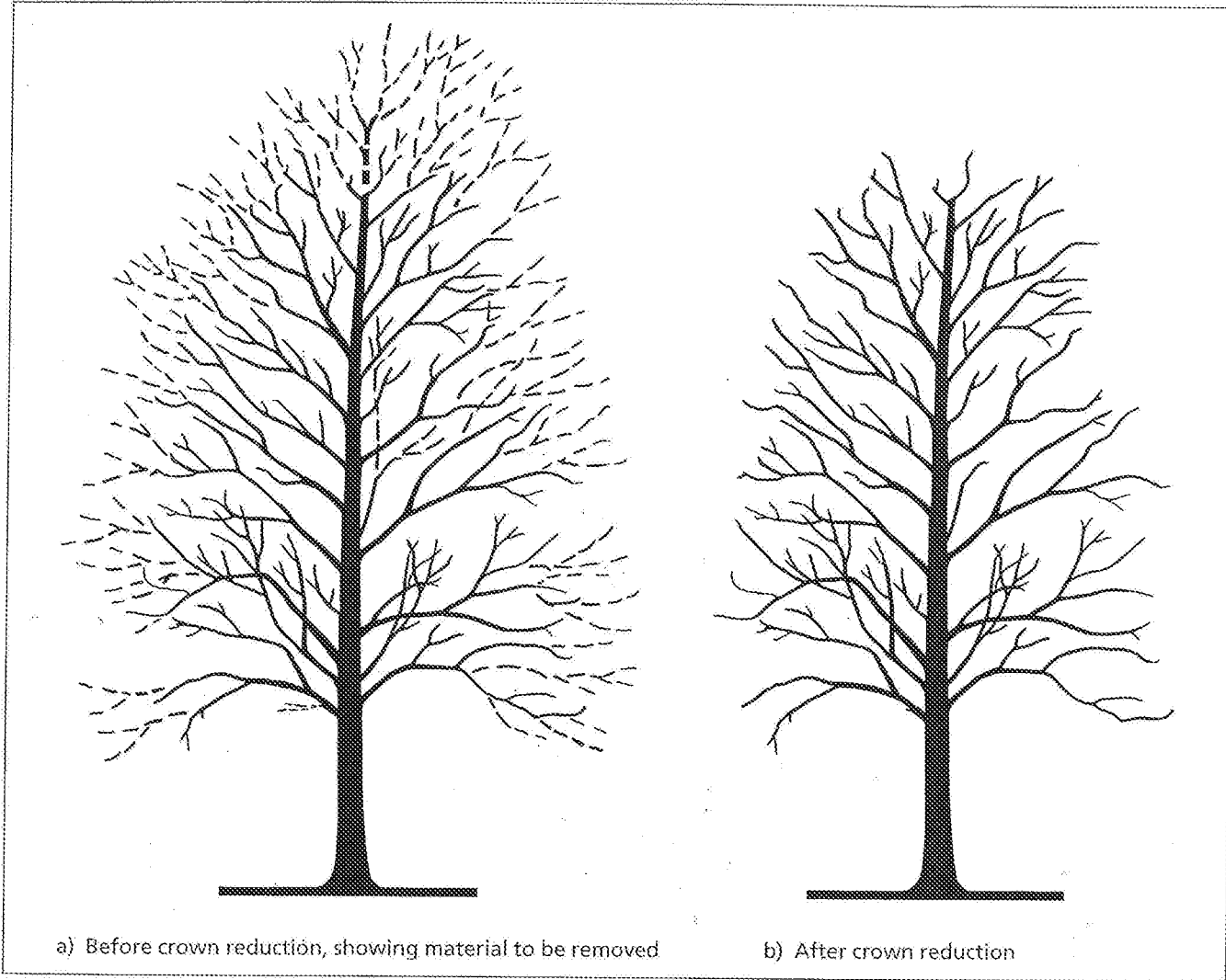


Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

