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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/279/19/T

Location: 219 Manor Way, Aldwick Bay Estate, PO21 4HS

Description of works: Reduce lateral spread on NE aspect by max 2.5m, on SE aspect by max of 1m, on SW aspect by max 1.5m and on NW aspect by 1m, and crown lift to a max of 3m
1no. copper beech tree

Reasons Given: To control excessive shading

Comments on Application:

Beech, purple-leaved / *Fagus sylvatica Purpurea* Approx. height: 12m Average spread: 5m Age class: Mature

- This tree appears to be outwardly healthy and stable (vegetation restricts view of main stem and root flare) with a relatively unmodified and attractive crown profile.
- It gives the impression of being slightly stunted, a probable consequence of it growing in such an exposed coastal location. It is prominent at the front of the property and can be clearly seen from numerous residential dwellings and by pedestrian/vehicular traffic accessing/exiting this part of the estate. As such, it has public amenity value.
- It has moderate growth potential and suitably located - occupying a near central position along front garden boundary and at a distance from the nearest dwellings that is likely to be harmonious and complimentary throughout its lifespan. Lateral growth dominates a relatively small area of the plot and towards the front right-hand corner of the dwelling.
- The applicant proposes a variable crown reduction of top height and lateral spread, which carefully reflects the asymmetrical profile and respects the recommendations described in British Standard 3998:2010 – Tree Work.

Conclusions:

- This tree requires careful management that respects its age and vulnerability to environmental changes and disease progression.
- If the work is undertaken to a good 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.
- 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.

Recommendations:

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

Conditions to Be Applied to Approved Work: -

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

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*

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Figure 4 Diagrammatic illustration of crown reduction

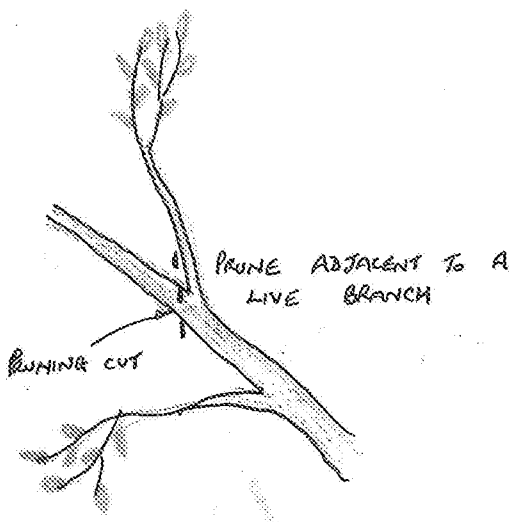
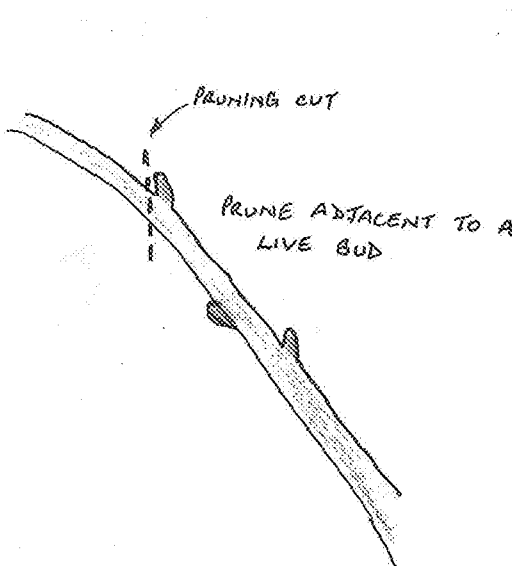
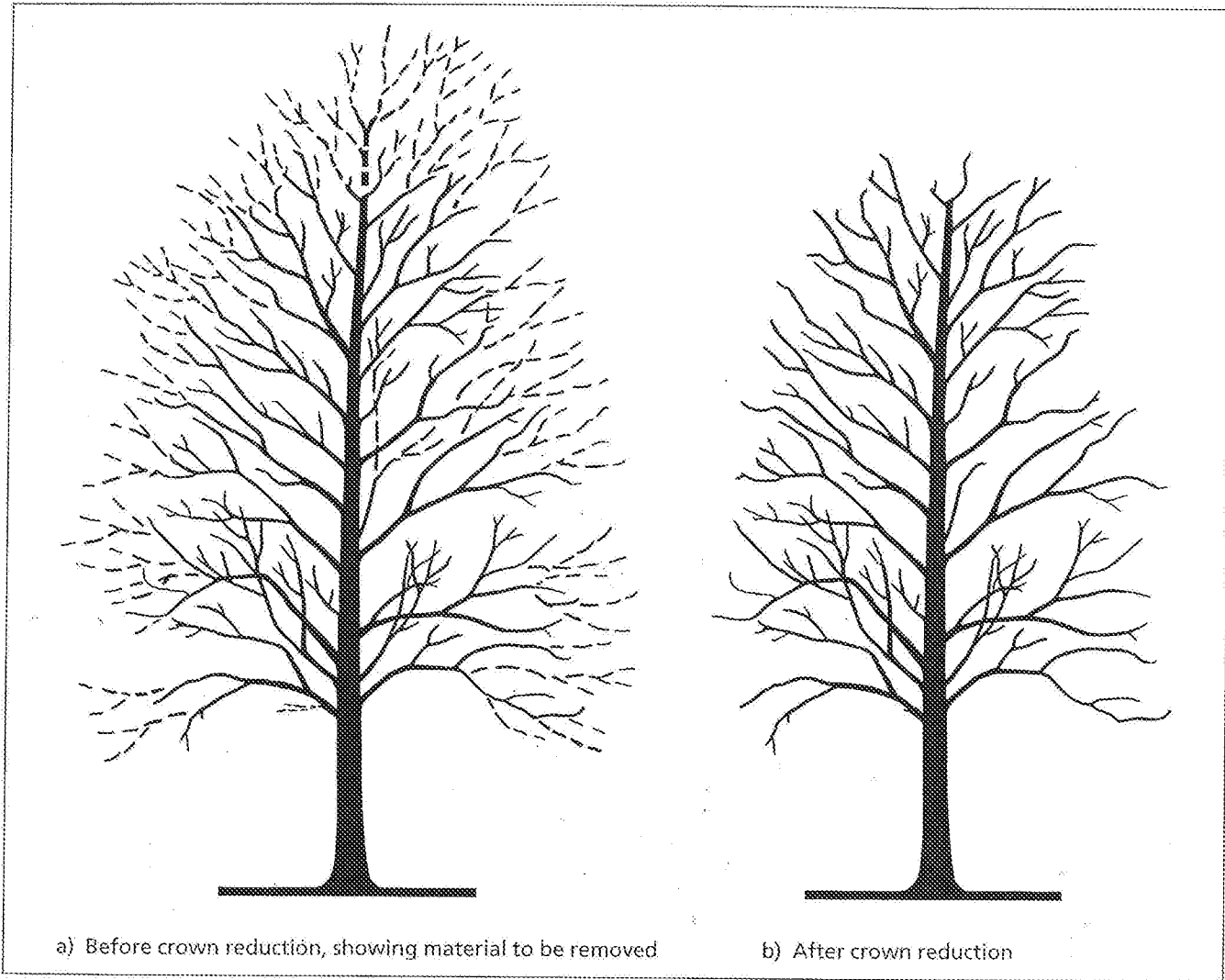


Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

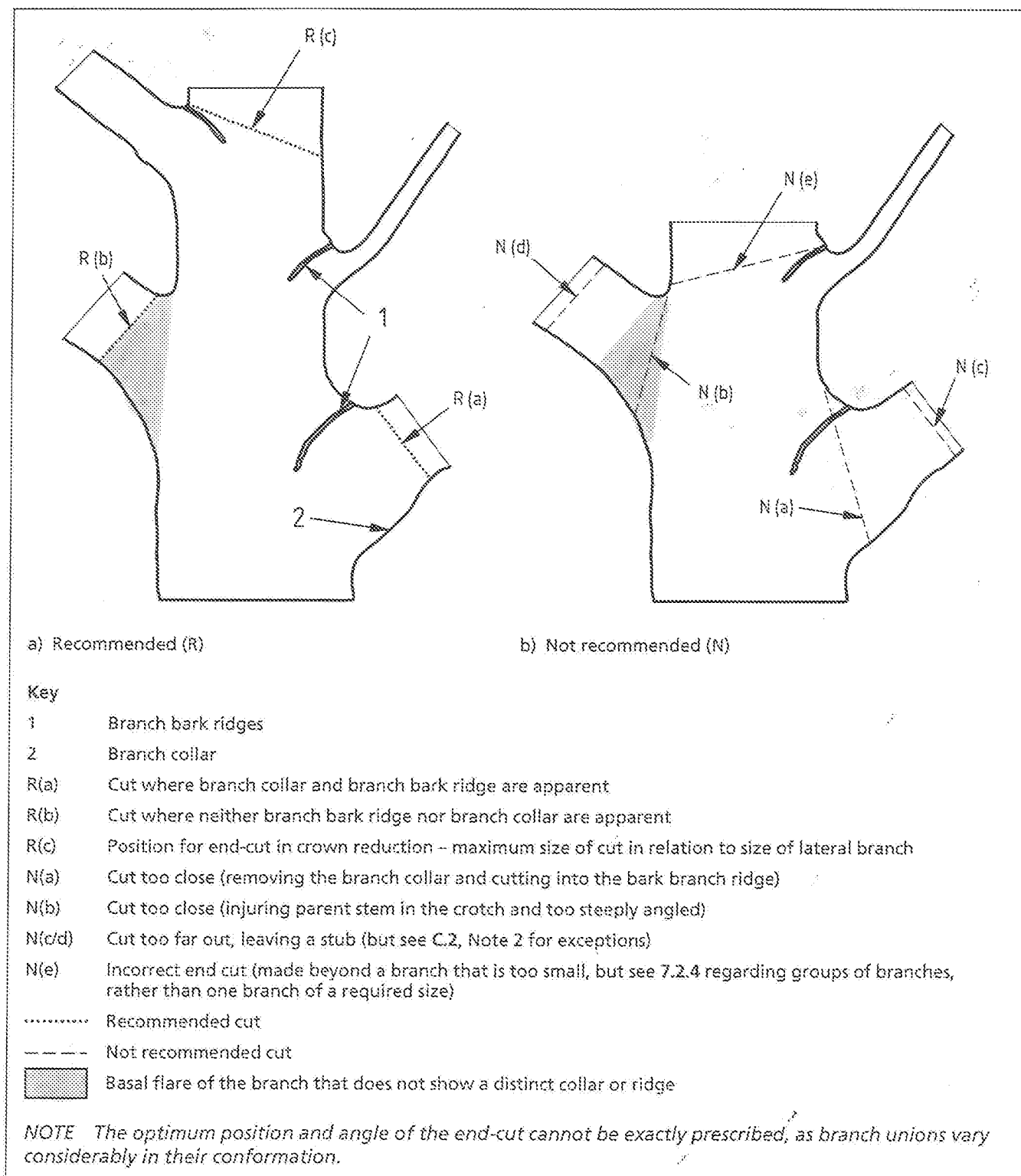


Figure 3 Crown lifting

