

CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date of report: 21st April 2026

Case Officer: Rhiannon Lloyd

Reference: AW/28/26/T

Location: 9 Willowhale Avenue, Aldwick, PO21 4AU

Proposal: Crown reduction to 1no. macrocarpa (T1) to leave a south-westerly spread of 6m, crown thinning by 30%.

Reason: Excessive shading of garden

Comments on Application:

T1 Monterey cypress / *Cupressus macrocarpa* Height: 10-15m, Radial spread: 0-5m, 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 provide further insight to the proposal.

The correct interpretation of crown thinning (as described in BS3998:2010 Tree work – Recommendations) carried out to this extent, would leave the tree in a severely weakened state and highly vulnerable to structural failure. It is therefore assumed the applicant is concerned with removing only weak or crossing branches with a high risk of detachment or decline in addition to any deadwood (exempt works).

The reduction of branch tips on the southwest sector of the canopy, ought to leave sufficient foliage to ensure those branches do not decline. Like most cypress, this species does not produce new growth from old wood so care should be taken not to over-prune.

If the above interpretation and advice is followed, conditions ought to be improved for horticultural purposes and the tree not harmed unduly.

Conclusions:

The tree is a significant feature in the local landscape and of an age which demands careful management. It is seemingly in adequately sound and healthy condition.

If undertaken sympathetically, the tree surgery proposed in the application ought not result in excessive reduction of the tree's landscape impact and undue detriment to the visual amenities of the locality.

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.

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

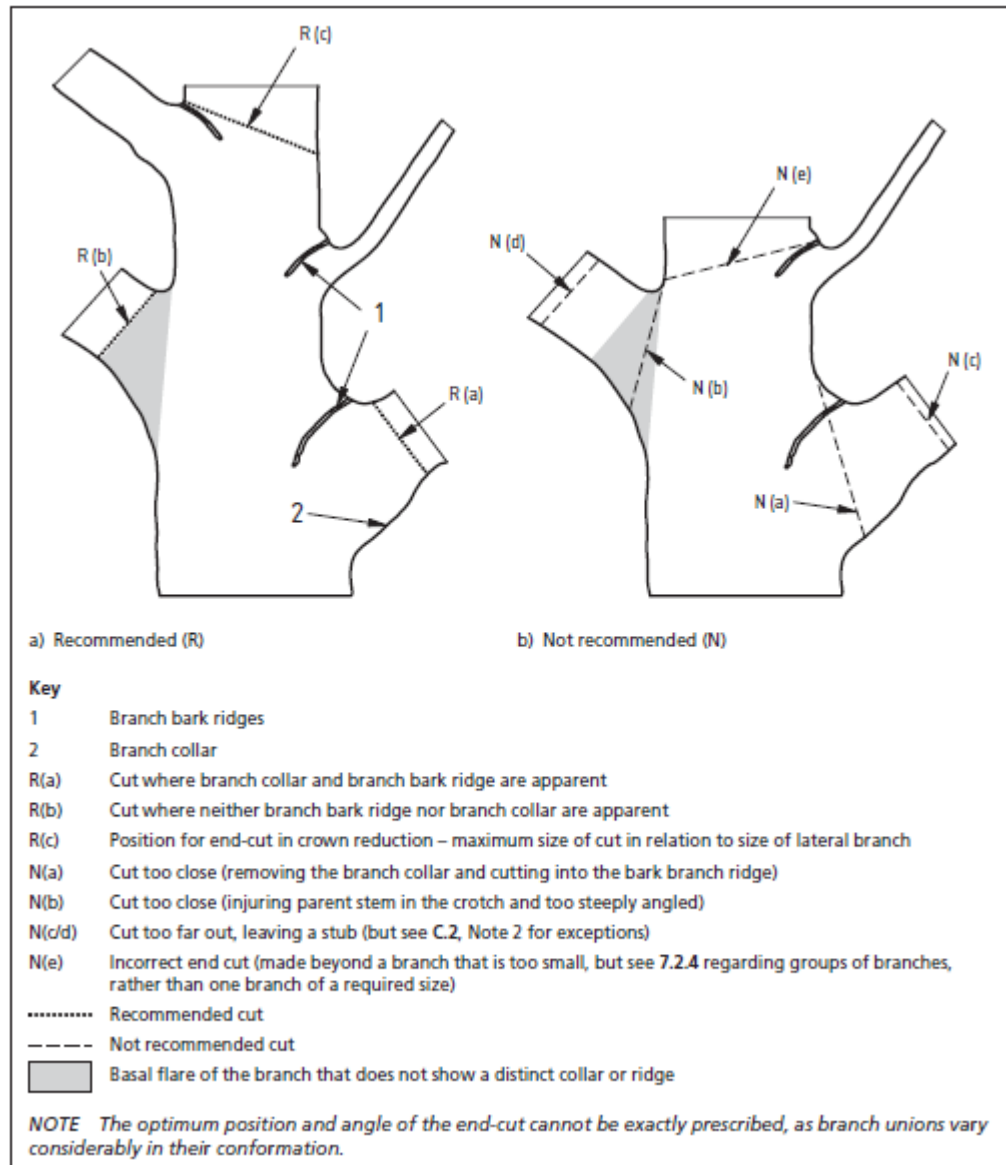
Informatives:

Although Cypress may respond with vigour to hard pruning, they have a poor tolerance of such work as shoots will not grow from old wood and long-term vitality can be severely affected. The optimum time to prune is during the late spring to early summer period (May to June).

Where an applicant is not the stated owner of the tree(s) and proposed works are not in response to an emergency situation, permission must first be obtained from the landowner before operating beyond the boundary of their own property. Consent from the local planning authority does not by association permit approved works to be undertaken without such permission.

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Environment and Climate Change

Figure 2 Positions of final cuts



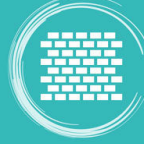
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Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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