

Planning Officer: Hannah Kersley

Planning Application Ref: AW/327/21/T

Location: 8 West Drive, Aldwick, PO21 4LY

Description of works: Crown reduction of 1no. oak tree to height 8m and spread 4m

Reason given: Hazard reduction

Comments on Application:

T1 Pedunculate oak / *Quercus robur* Height: 10m Ave. radial spread: 7m Age class: Mature

- I have considered this application by means of a desktop review, using the information and plans submitted as well as online resources.
- The applicant has employed Broad Oak Tree Consultants Ltd. to assess the tree and provide a report on its condition. This is comprehensive and recommends a balanced work proposal to manage the tree in an appropriate state for its location.
- I believe the tree is recorded as T1398 on Tree Preservation Order TPO/AW/276/10. It grows from the steep bank of a ditch/drain flanked on both sides by large garden plots. While it is evidently a tree under stress, it remains a viable constituent of a significant landscape feature that is also a valuable wildlife corridor between adjoining residential areas. It can be seen clearly from surrounding properties although visible only in part from publicly accessible land.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed 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.

Recommendation:

- 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.

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

Advisory:

- The long-term vitality of the tree is best respected when significant pruning work such as proposed, is undertaken during the late spring to summer period (May to August).
- We are obliged to advise where trees are situated on land not owned by the applicant, that the granting of consent by this authority does not by association give permission to undertake such works that require access onto/from that land. Nor does it permit any work to take place beyond the boundary of the applicant's property. Additional permission must first be obtained from the land/tree owner.

Mark Warwick
Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team

Figure 4 Diagrammatic illustration of crown reduction

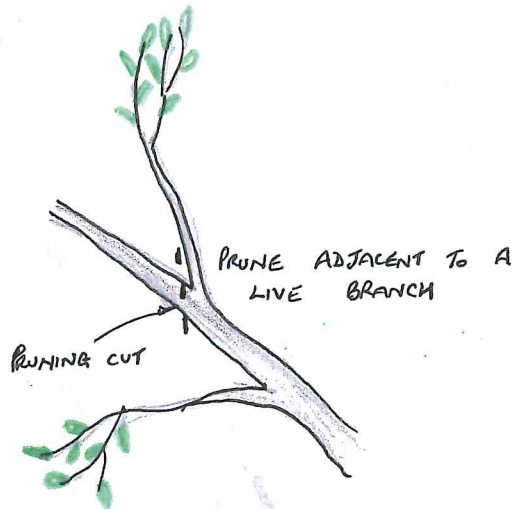
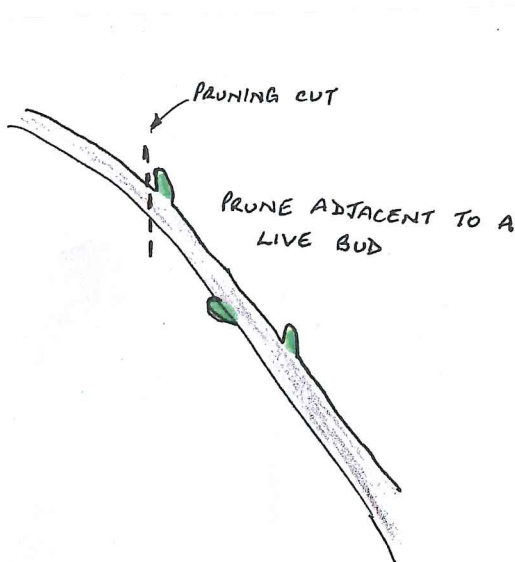
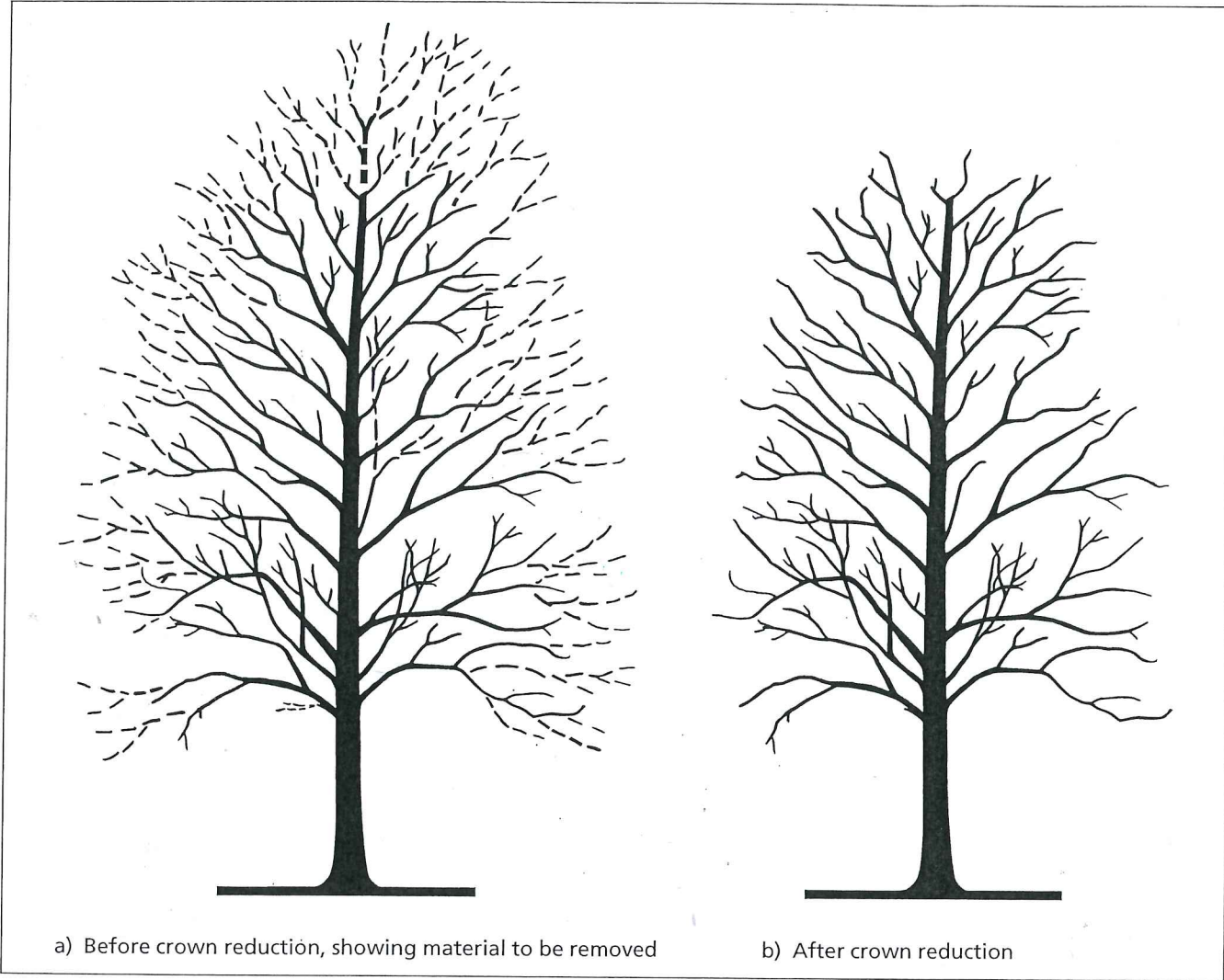


Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

