

Planning Officer: Hannah Kersley

Planning Application Ref: AW/337/21/T

Location: 31A Aldwick Gardens, Aldwick, PO21 3QT

Description of works: 1no. sycamore tree (T444) - Crown lift up to 5m and crown thin by 15%

Reasons given: Excessive shade

Comments on Application:

T444 Sycamore / *Acer pseudoplatanus* Height: 10-15m Radial spread: 5-10m Age class: Early mature

- Outwardly and from a distance (public footpath) this multi-stemmed tree appears to be in a fine physiological state and assumed to be so in the absence of any evidence provided to the contrary.
- It displays an attractive crown profile, visible in large part from surrounding properties and to users of the public highway.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds. This tree provides visual amenity and is to be carefully pruned to maintain reasonable enjoyment of residential property and with respect for natural tree form.
- If the work is undertaken to a high standard, then it is unlikely to have an adverse effect on the tree's long-term vitality and visual amenity.

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***

Mark Warwick
Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team

Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

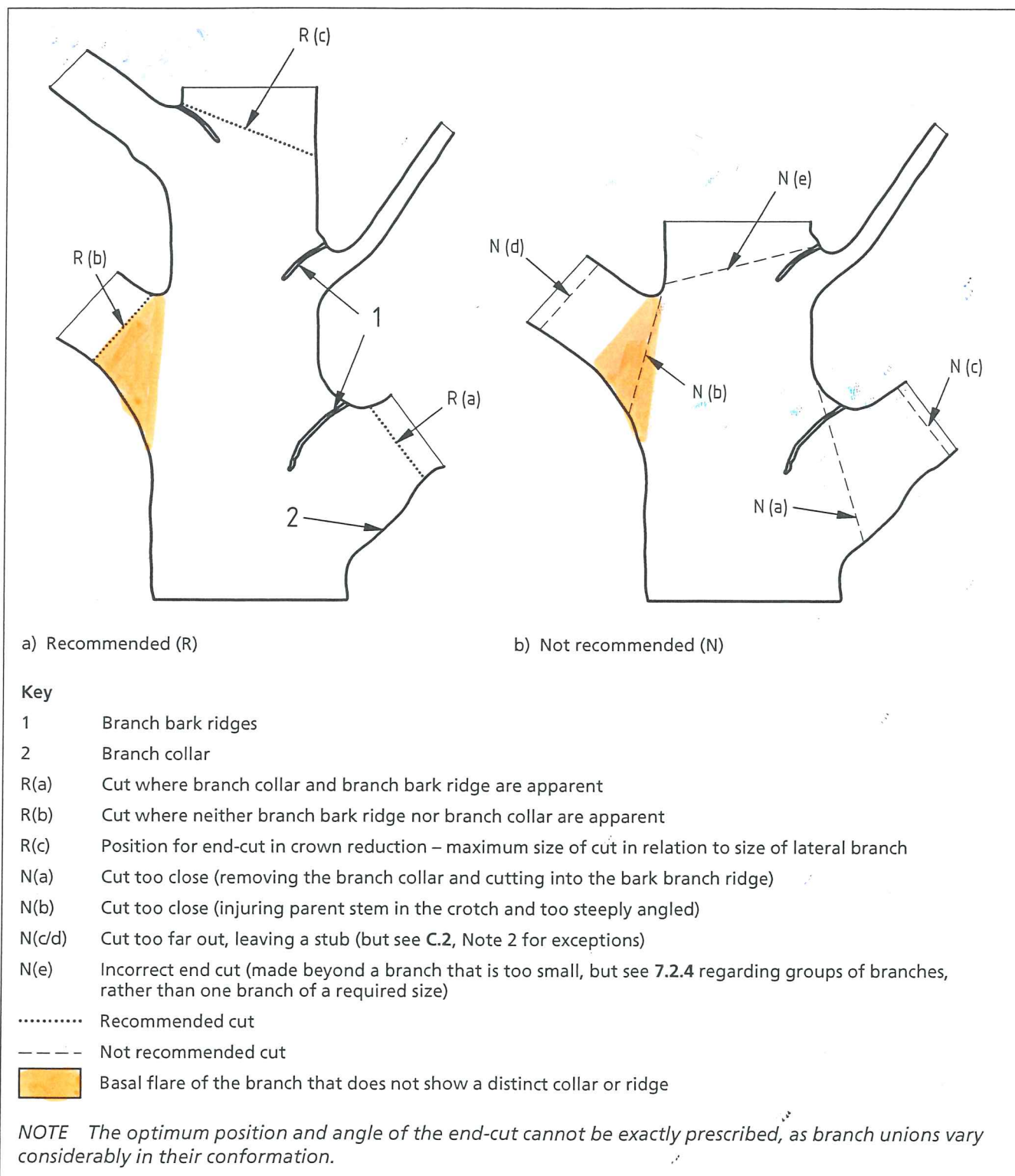


Figure 3 Crown lifting

