

**Case Officer:** Hannah Kersley  
**Reference:** AW/37/22/T  
**Location:** Various locations at The Kingsway, Queensway, and The Drive Craigweil Estate, Aldwick  
**Proposal:** Various works to various trees  
**Reasons given:** General good management (health and safety)

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**Comments on Application:**

- The applicant has employed Arun Tree Company Ltd. to prepare a comprehensive tree survey. This application is concerned only with items listed on page 4. Proposed work has been specified in detail with satisfactory reasons given for each item.
- There are many trees included in this proposal, all of which enjoy Statutory Protection by virtue of their presence in Conservation Area or where superseded by the presence of a Tree Preservation Order (TPO). The Tree Survey and supporting Sketch Plans were simultaneously considered during my site assessment.
- The removal of deadwood is an exception and prior notice to/consent from the local planning authority is not required. We need only consider the following items: T1, T5, T12, T22, T24, T15, T23 & T31.

**Conclusions:**

- The majority of these items are high profile specimen trees with significant public and visual amenity. The proposed work has been justified on arboricultural grounds.
- If significant pruning (e.g., crown reduction) work is undertaken to a high standard and at the right time, it is unlikely to have an adverse effect on the trees' long-term vitality and visual amenity.
- T12 - Although justified to mitigate a risk of harm, the work will incur an immediate and dramatic loss of aesthetic value. Satisfactory canopy renewal and recovery will only occur if the work is undertaken to a high standard and at an appropriate time of year.

**Recommendations:**

- For those trees not subject of any TPO, there will be no undue loss of character to the surrounding area. I register no objection.
- For those trees subject of a TPO, I recommend **CONSENT** is granted subject to the following condition:

**Condition to Be Applied to Approved Work: -**

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.

Part c) Where pollarding or crown reduction pruning has occurred previously, then the removal of crown material which has developed since the last operation must be done sympathetically and with respect to established 'knuckles' so as not to extend beyond the point of origin.

**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:**

- The long-term vitality of T1, T12, T22 & T24 is best respected when significant pruning work such as proposed, is undertaken during the late spring to summer period (May to August).

Mark Warwick  
Tree Officer / Greenspace

Figure 4 Diagrammatic illustration of crown reduction

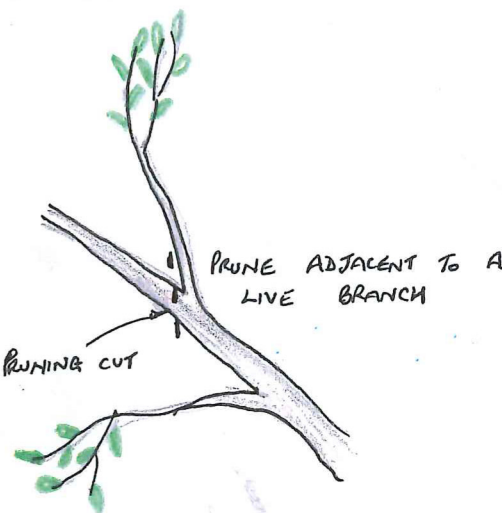
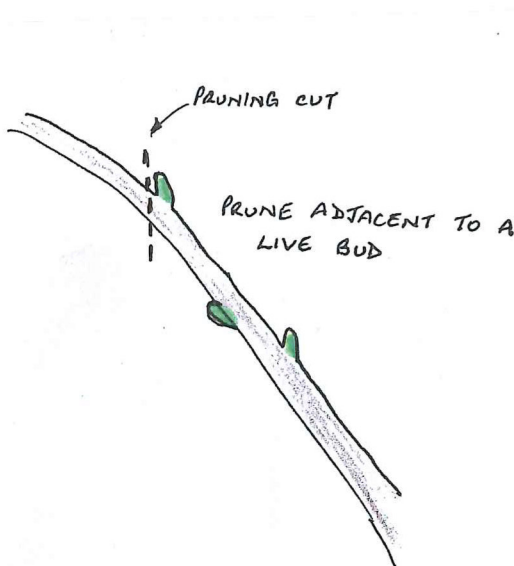
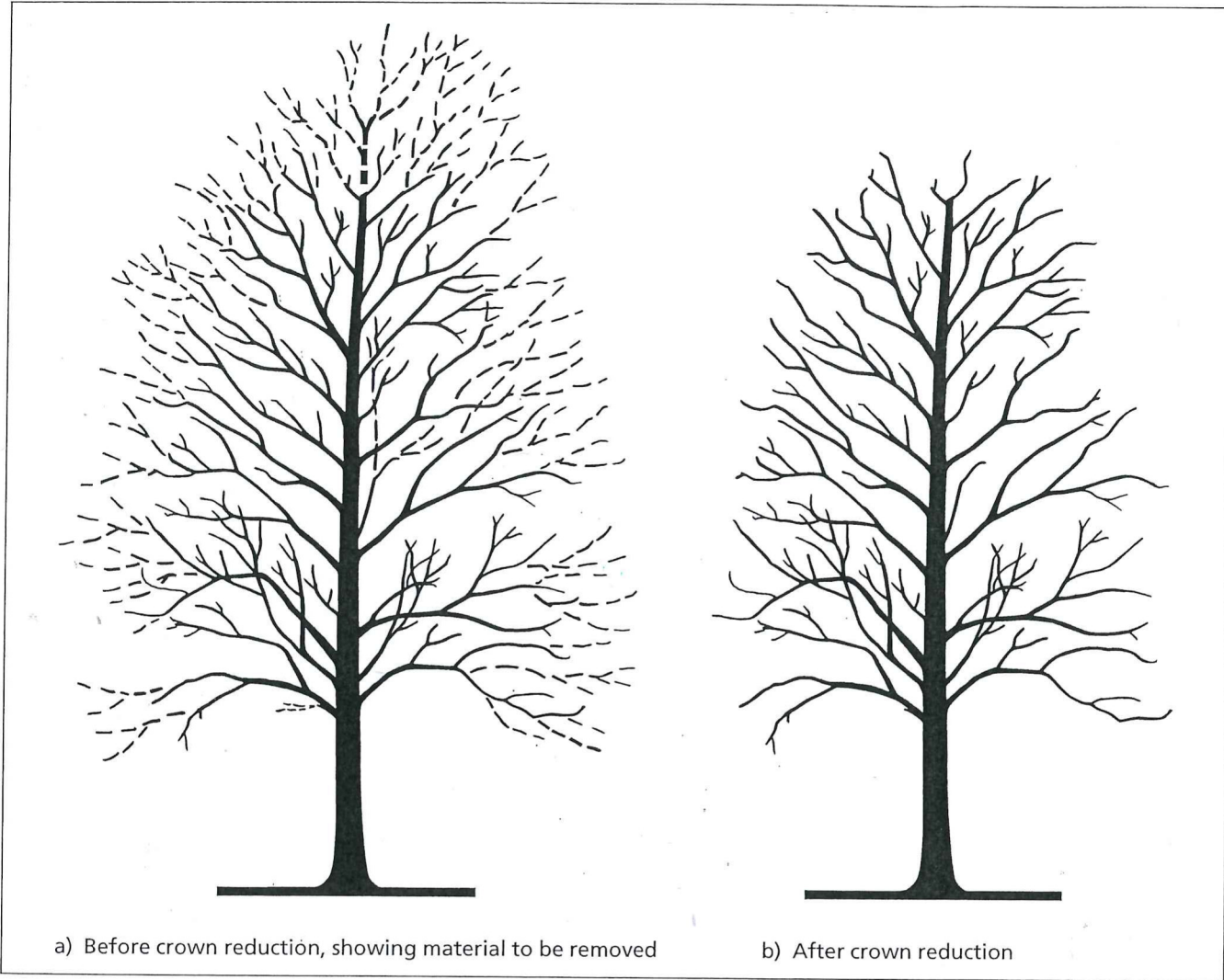


Figure 3 Crown lifting

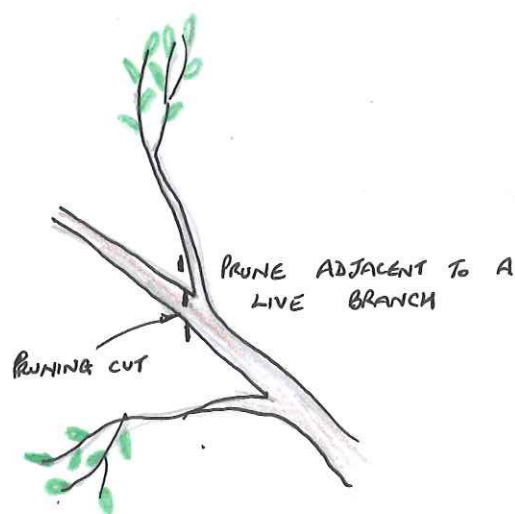
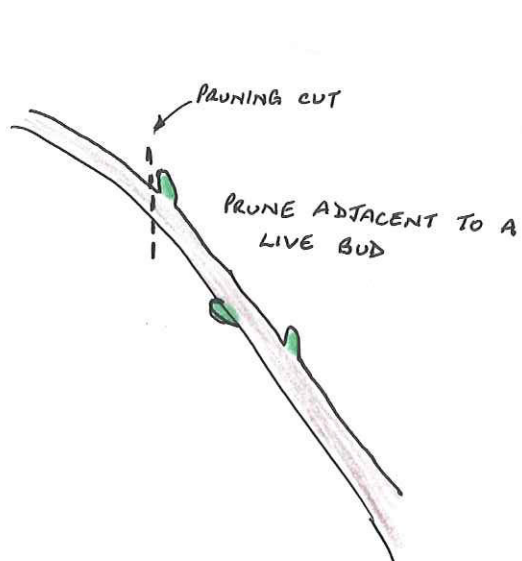
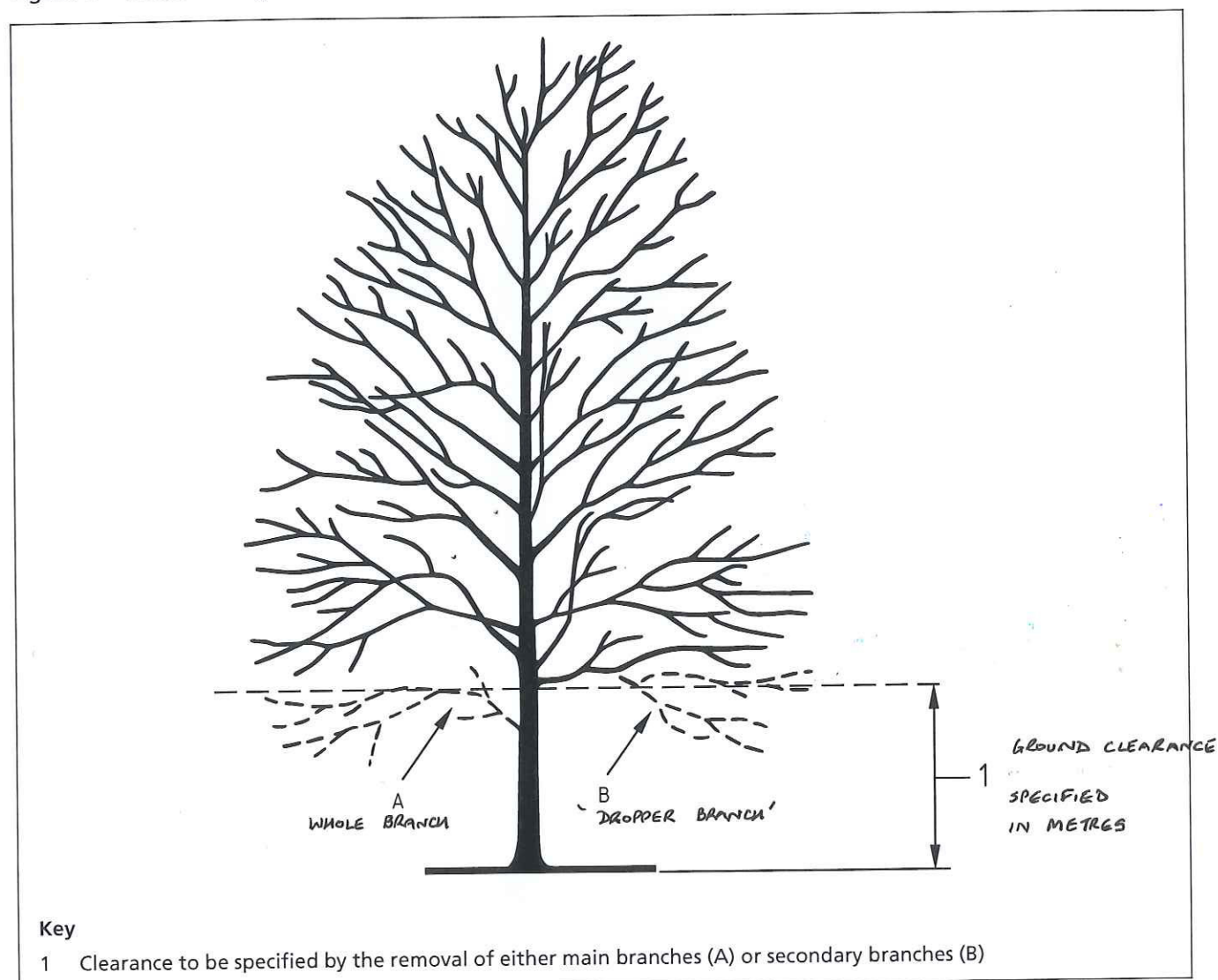


Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

