

CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date of report: 21st April 2026

Case Officer: Jonny Cooper

Reference: AW/37/26/T

Location: 211 Aldwick Road, Aldwick, PO21 3QG

Proposal: Crown reduction to 1no. ash tree (T1) to leave a height of 8m and spread of 8m.

Reason: Continuation of cyclical pruning regime

Comments on Application:

T1 Ash / <i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>	Height: 10-15m	Radial spread: 0-5m	Age class: Mature
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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.

T1 is visible from numerous properties and to users of the public highway (footway and carriageway).

This latest proposal seeks the repeat of an operation previously granted consent by the local planning authority; last undertaken c2020, from which it appears to have grown on well.

Repeat operations will be necessary throughout the lifespan of this tree to achieve a degree of structural integrity appropriate for its location.

Conclusions:

There is sufficient extension of new growth since the last operation was undertaken and so the proposal 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:

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.

Part c) Where crown reduction work has occurred previously, the removal of subsequent growth (shoots and branches) and position of final cuts must ensure retention of all established knuckles.

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

Informative:

Hard pruning creates numerous and/or large wounds, incurring a physiological stress which may affect long-term health and vitality. The optimum time for pruning an ash tree is late spring to summer (May to August).

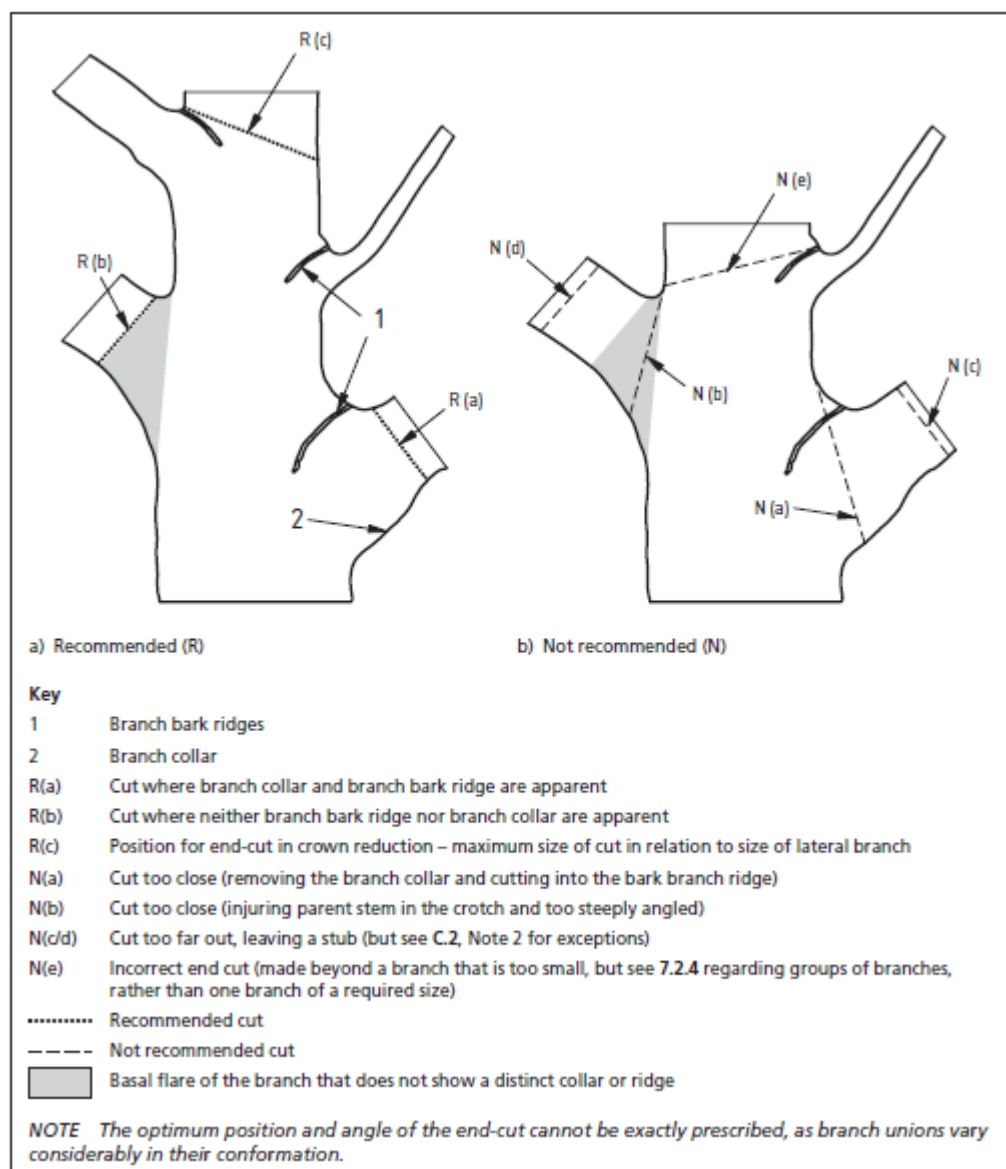
Where an applicant is not the stated owner of the tree(s) and proposed works are not in response to an emergency situation, permission should first be obtained from the landowner before operating beyond the boundary of their own property. Consent from the local planning authority does not by association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

Mark Warwick

Tree Officer

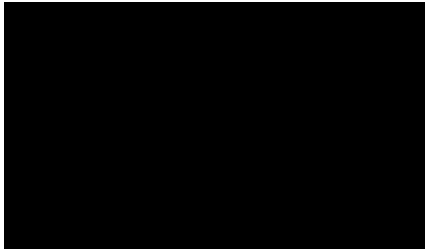
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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts





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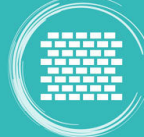
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Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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