

Case Officer: Hannah Kersley
Reference: AW/425/21/T
Location: 15 Acorn End, Aldwick, PO21 4JA
Proposal: 1no. sycamore tree - Crown reduction by 1.8m to leave height 12.5m and spread 4.5m
Reasons given: To reduce weight of branches overhanging drive

Comments on Application:

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

- I have considered this application by means of a desktop review, using the information and plans submitted as well as online resources. Previous consideration from site and familiarity with surrounding areas provides further insight to the proposal.
- It is visible from surrounding properties but only in small part from publicly accessible land. Nevertheless, it contributes to the verdant character of the area and provides some visual amenity.

Conclusion:

- If the work is undertaken to a high standard and at the right time, then the tree should be able to remain a long-term visually interesting feature in the local landscape.

Recommendation:

- 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.

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 this tree is best respected when significant pruning work such as proposed, is undertaken during either the summer (June to August) or mid-winter (late-December to early-February) period.

Mark Warwick
Tree Officer / Greenspace

Figure 4 Diagrammatic illustration of crown reduction

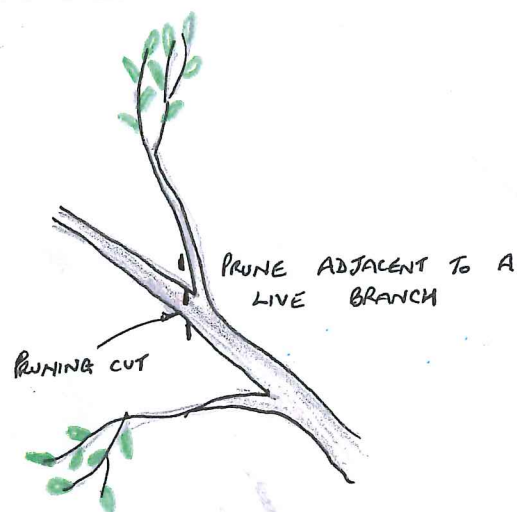
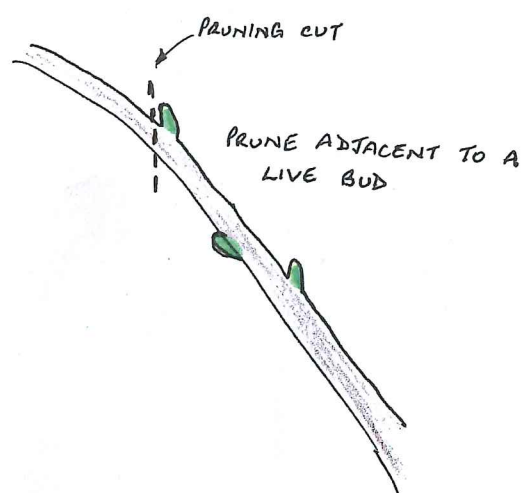
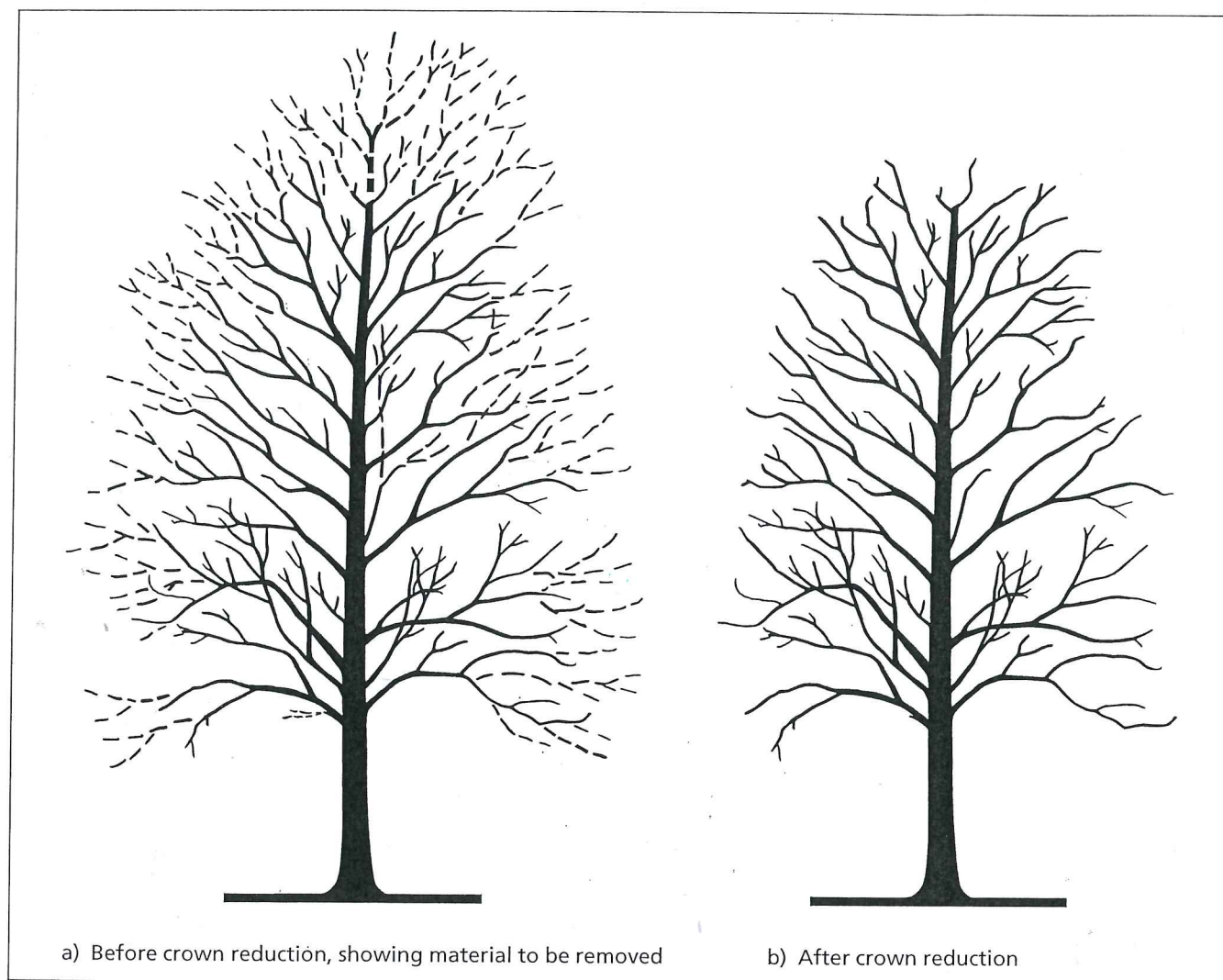


Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

