

CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date of inspection: 4th February 2026

Case Officer: Jonny Cooper

Reference: AW/4/26/T

Location: 1 Bay Walk, Aldwick, PO21 4ET

Proposal: Crown reduction on 2no. horse chestnuts (T1 & T2) to leave a height of 10m and spread of 9m.

Reason: To prevent wind damage

Comments on Application:

2x Horse chestnut / *Aesculus hippocastanum*

Height: 5-10m Radial spread: 0-5m Age class: Early mature

From roadside both trees appear to be in a fair condition and managed by regular whole crown reduction pruning. They are prominent in the street scene, although a discreet part of the estate.

I found no recent planning application history associated with these trees. There is between 1.5 and 2.5m of growth from beyond established knuckles.

Repeat operations will be necessary throughout the lifespan of these trees to achieve a degree of structural integrity appropriate for their location.

Conclusions:

There is sufficient extension of new growth since the last operations were 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 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***

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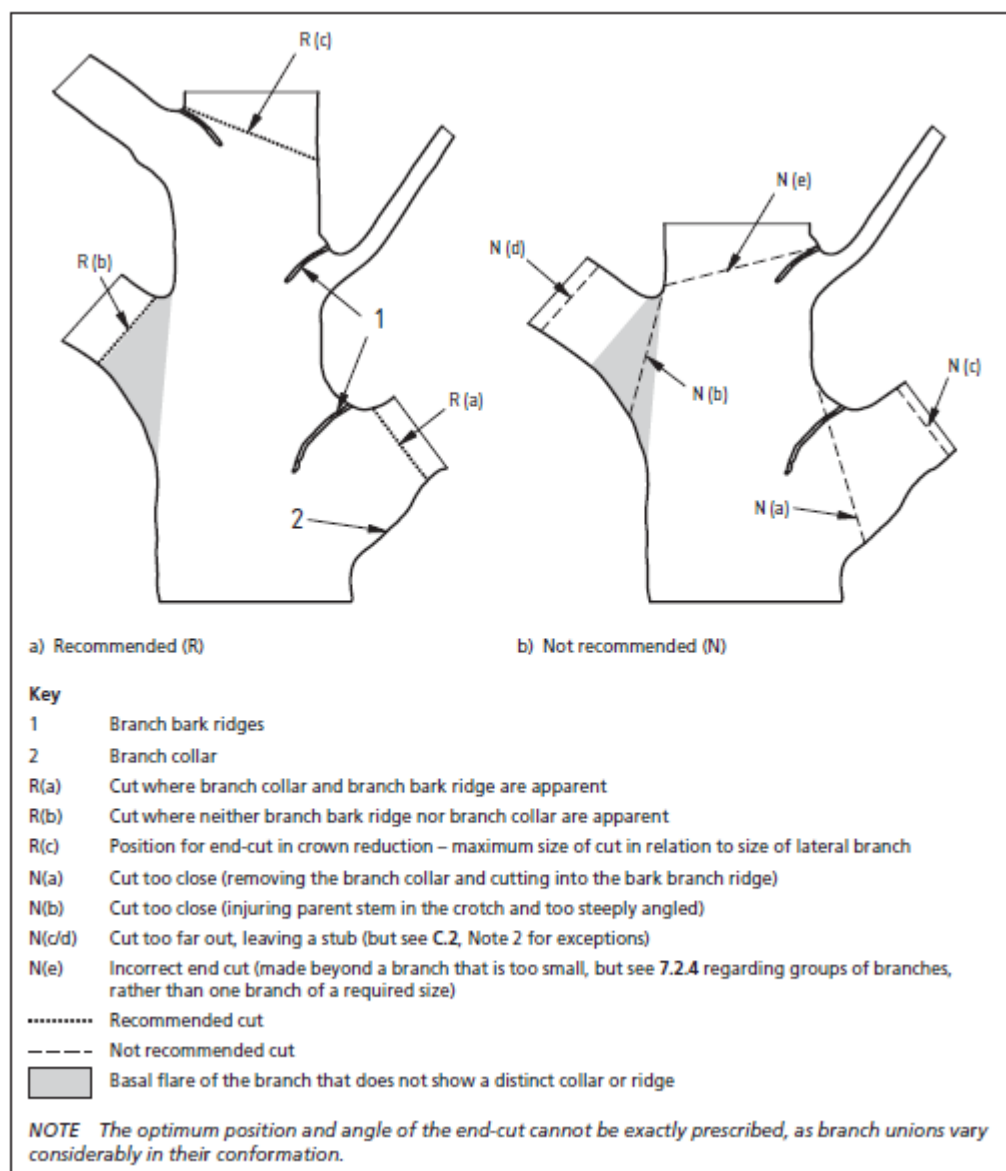
Hard pruning creates numerous and/or large wounds, incurring a physiological stress which may affect long-term health and vitality. The optimum time for pruning horse chestnut trees is late spring to summer (May to August).

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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts



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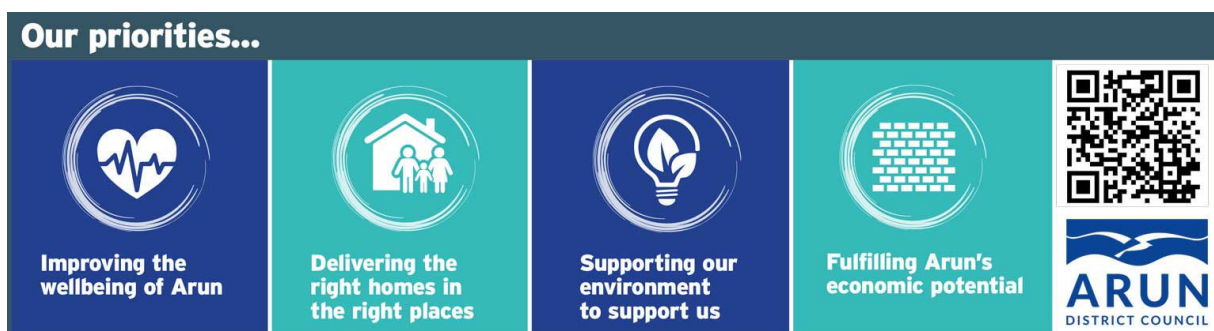
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Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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