

Planning Officer: Richard Sherman

Planning Application Ref: AW/62/21/T

Location: 20 The Fairway, Aldwick Bay Estate, Bognor Regis, PO21 4ES

Description of works: Crown lift to 5m 1no. Lombardy poplar and remove deadwood

Reasons given: To allow more light to garden beneath tree

Comments on Application:

Lombardy poplar / *Populus nigra Italica* Approx. height: 20m Average radial spread: 4m Age class: Late mature

- This tree appears to be outwardly healthy and stable with a full and attractive crown profile. No evidence of significant past modification of the crown. Appears to be a fine example of its type.
- It is highly visible from surrounding properties. The upper crown is visually impressive when viewed from adjacent estate roads. As such, it has public amenity value.
- The careful and selective removal of low secondary branches to the height proposed, should not incur a loss of public amenity or harm the tree's ongoing health and vitality.
- The removal of dead branches is an exception and does not require consent from the local planning authority.

Conclusion:

- The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds. If undertaken to a high standard and at the right time; 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.
- Part c) No pruning wound will exceed 100mm diameter, to preserve the main limb and branch framework.

Reasons: In the interests 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

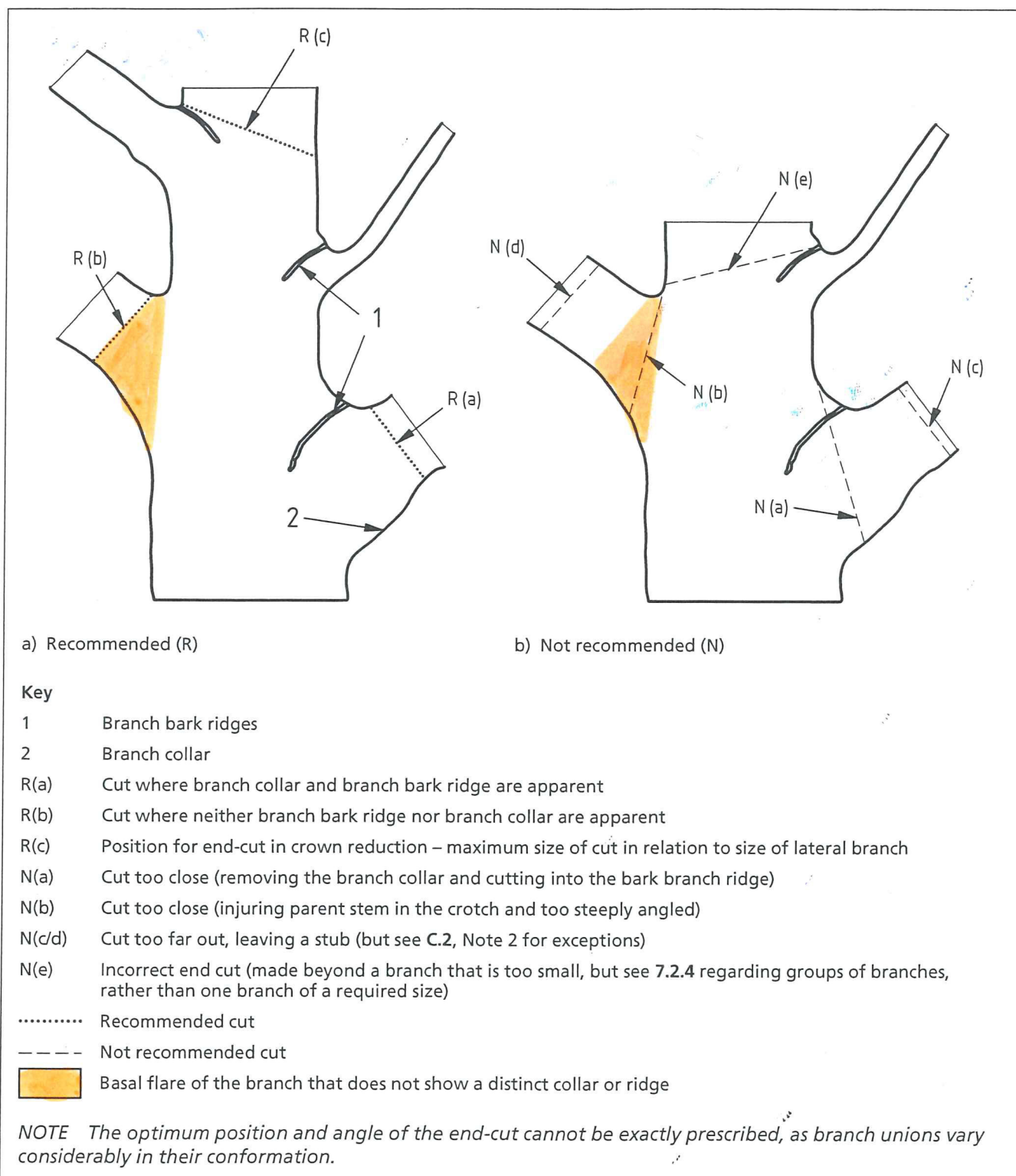


Figure 3 Crown lifting

