

## CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date of inspection: 27<sup>th</sup> February 2026

**Case Officer:** Silvie Steiningerova

**Reference:** AW/6/26/T

**Location:** 54 The Drive, Aldwick, PO21 4DT

**Proposal:** Crown reduction to 5no. beech trees to leave a height of 15m and spread of 6m (T2, T3, T4, T7, T8), crown reduction to 1no. lime to leave a height of 15m and spread of 6m (T1), crown reduction to 2no. holm oak to leave a height of 15m (T5, T6), crown reduction of 1no. English oak (T9) to leave a southerly spread of 5m. Deadwood removal on all trees.

**Reason:** Resident concerned about potential for limb failure.

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### Comments on Application:

T1 is the superior tree in the group, given its form and apparent good health. Collectively the trees are an important group feature, making a significant contribution to the attractive verdant character locally. Several trees have minor structural anomalies, as to be expected in a tightly spaced grouping in competition for sunlight. They are largely devoid of low branches, adopting a slender drawn-up form.

Dead branches are a natural consequence of such conditions and not obviously attributable to any significant disease. I saw no evidence of nor high potential for, abnormal frequency of branch failure.

The proposal seeks to remove a maximum of 2metres from top height across the group and an average of 1metre radial spread with a focus on north and south crown aspects.

The removal of deadwood is an exception. Prior notice to or consent from the local planning authority is not required, for that element of the proposal.

### Conclusion:

The proposed work will not incur long-term harm to the trees or loss of visual amenity, if 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.

**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**

**Informative:**

Hard pruning creates numerous and/or large wounds, incurring a physiological stress which may affect long-term health and vitality. Beech and holm oak may respond with vigour but have a poor tolerance of such work. The optimum time for pruning beech, deciduous oak and lime trees is late spring to summer. Holm oak is best pruned during mid to late winter.

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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

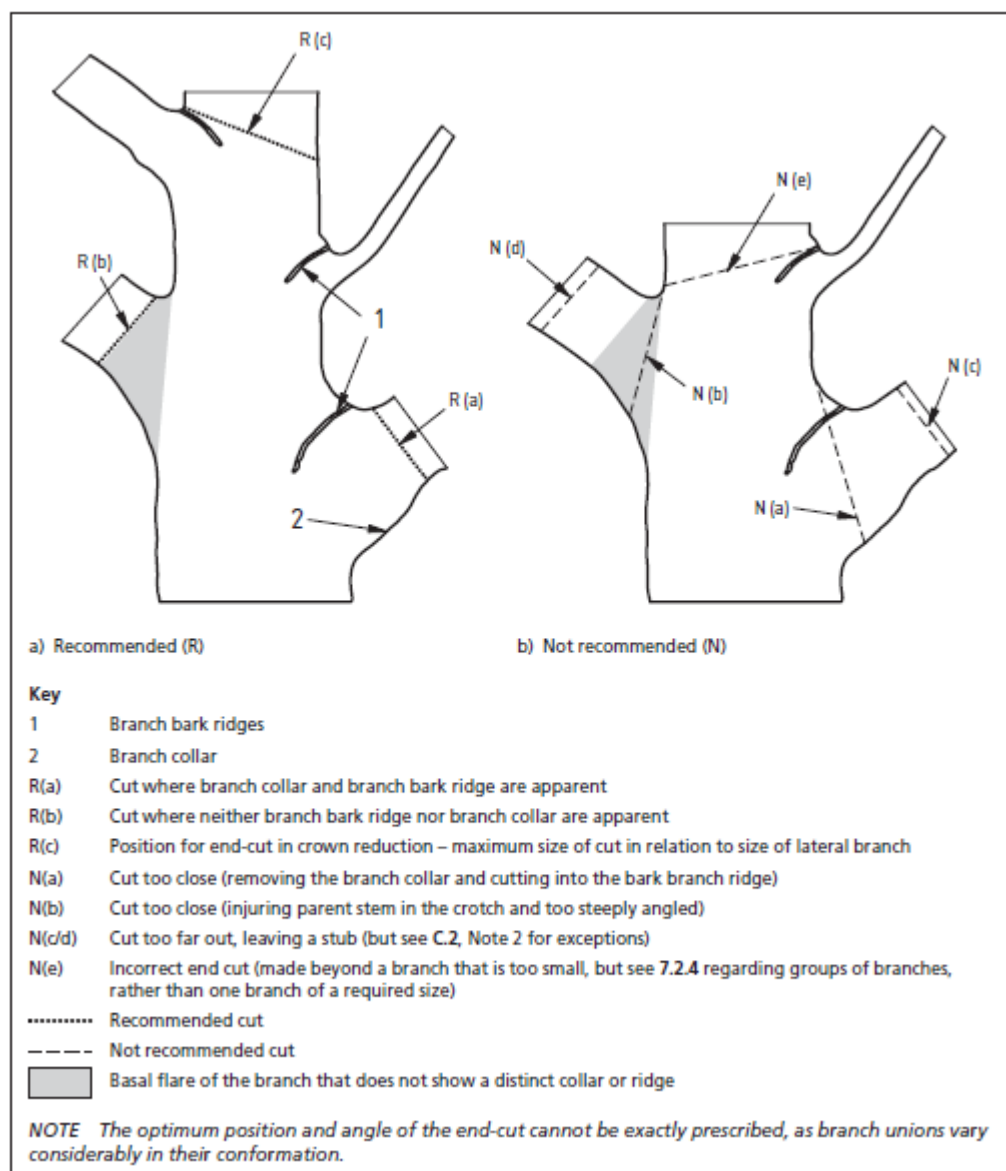
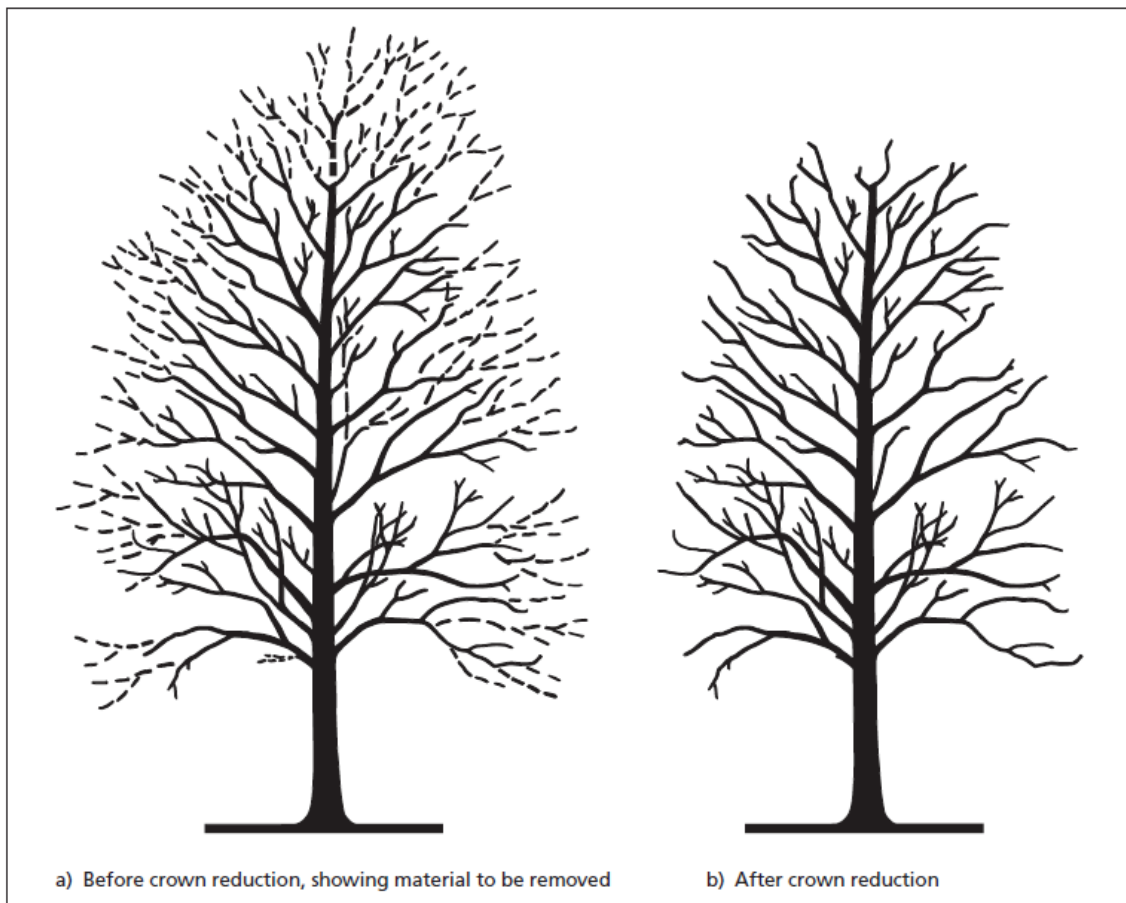


Figure 4 Diagrammatic illustration of crown reduction



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Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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