

CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date of inspection: 12th May 2026

Case Officer: Silvie Steiningerova
Reference: AW/71/26/T
Location: 47 Old Place, Aldwick, PO21 3AX
Proposal: Crown reduction to 1no. pedunculate oak (T1) to leave a height of 13m and spread of 4m.
Reason: Continuation of cyclical pruning regime

Comments on Application:

Pedunculate oak / <i>Quercus robur</i>	Height: 10-15m	Radial spread: 5-10m	Age class: Mature
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This tree appears to be in a fine physiological state albeit with a heavily modified crown – from which it has grown-on well and presents an attractive profile. It grows at the rear of the property and can be seen from neighbouring dwellings but has limited visibility from publicly accessible land.

It has been the subject of several crown modifications historically, resulting in a dense and compact form.

Repeat operations such as now being asked for, will be necessary throughout the remaining lifespan of this tree, to achieve a reasonable degree of structural integrity appropriate for its location.

Conclusions:

This proposal is for the repeat of an operation previously granted consent by the local planning authority. There is sufficient extension of new growth since last undertaken and so is justified on arboricultural grounds.

There should be no long-term detriment to tree health and amenity if 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:

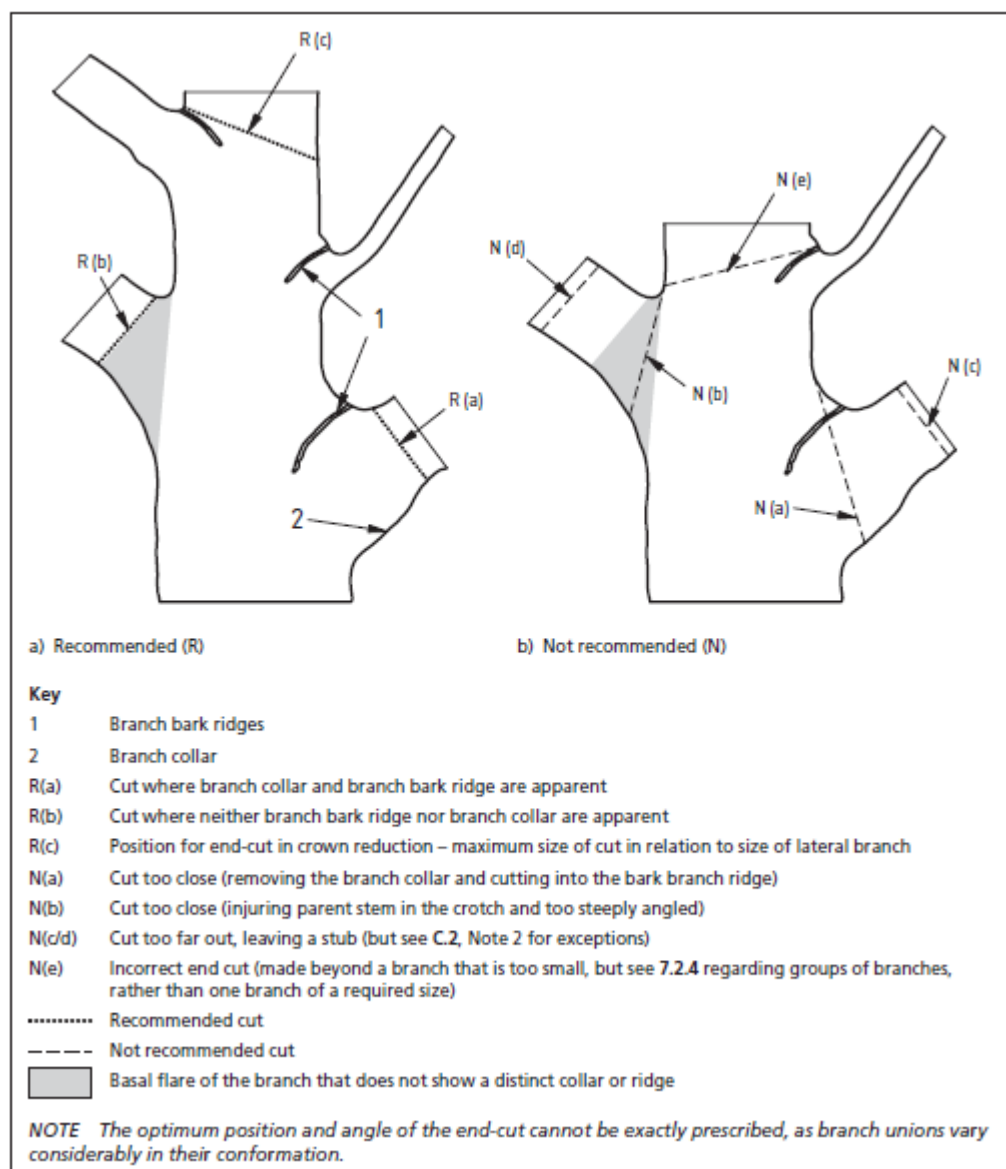
Hard pruning creates numerous and/or large wounds, incurring a physiological stress which may affect long-term health and vitality. The optimum time for pruning a deciduous oak tree is late spring to summer (May to August). Winter months when the trees are dormant is the traditional season for such work and certainly much less harmful than undertaking during spring or autumn, which should be avoided.

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Principal Tree Officer

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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts



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Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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