CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date of inspection: 12th May 2026

Case Officer: Susan Haley

Reference: AW/72/26/T

Location: 8 Faresmead, Aldwick, PO21 3DQ

Proposal: Crown reduction to 2no. horse chestnuts (T1 &T2) and 1no. beech (T3) to previous pollard points, leaving a height of 4m.

Reason: Continuation of established cyclical pruning regime**.**

Comments on Application:

2x horse chestnut / *Aesculus hippocastanum* Height: 5-10m Radial spread: 0-5m Age class: Mature

1x beech / *Fagus sylvatica* Height: 5-10m Radial spread: 0-5m Age class: Early mature

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These trees appear to be in good health and managed by regular whole crown reduction pruning. Whilst seemingly long-established they have been contained to the extent they are visible in large part only to nearby properties and offer little public amenity. That said, their presence in the landscape is valuable for screening and in support of local ecology.

This latest proposal seeks a repeat of operations previously granted consent by the local planning authority.

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.

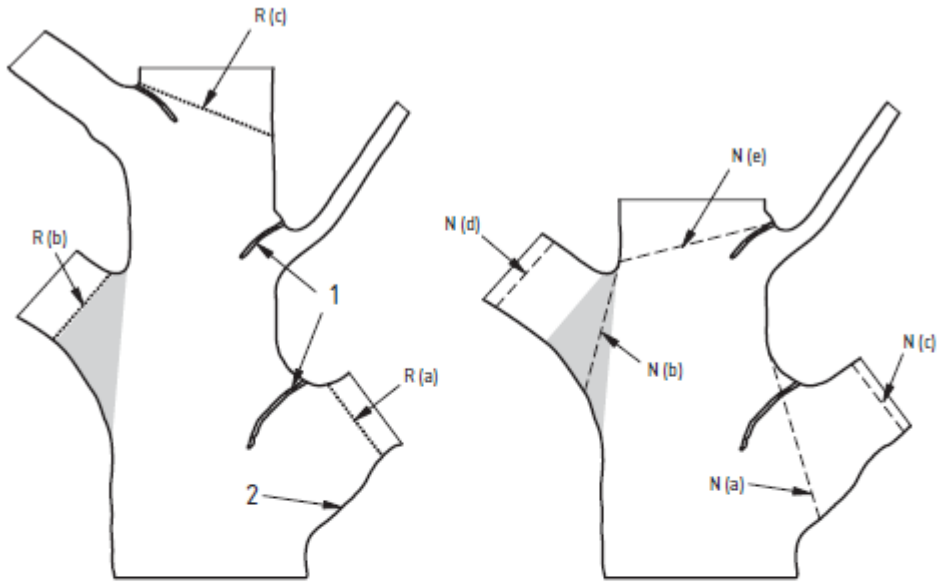
- ***See also the standard pruning guidance notes issued with the consent letter***

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 horse chestnut and beech trees is late spring to summer (May to August).

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Figure 2 **Positions of final cuts**



a) Recommended (R) b) Not recommended (N)

Key

1	Branch bark ridges
2	Branch collar
R(a)	Cut where branch collar and branch bark ridge are apparent
R(b)	Cut where neither branch bark ridge nor branch collar are apparent
R(c)	Position for end-cut in crown reduction – maximum size of cut in relation to size of lateral branch
N(a)	Cut too close (removing the branch collar and cutting into the bark branch ridge)
N(b)	Cut too close (injuring parent stem in the crotch and too steeply angled)
N(c/d)	Cut too far out, leaving a stub (but see **C.2**, Note 2 for exceptions)
N(e)	Incorrect end cut (made beyond a branch that is too small, but see **7.2.4** regarding groups of branches, rather than one branch of a required size)
·····	Recommended cut
– – – –	Not recommended cut
▭	Basal flare of the branch that does not show a distinct collar or ridge

NOTE The optimum position and angle of the end-cut cannot be exactly prescribed, as branch unions vary considerably in their conformation.

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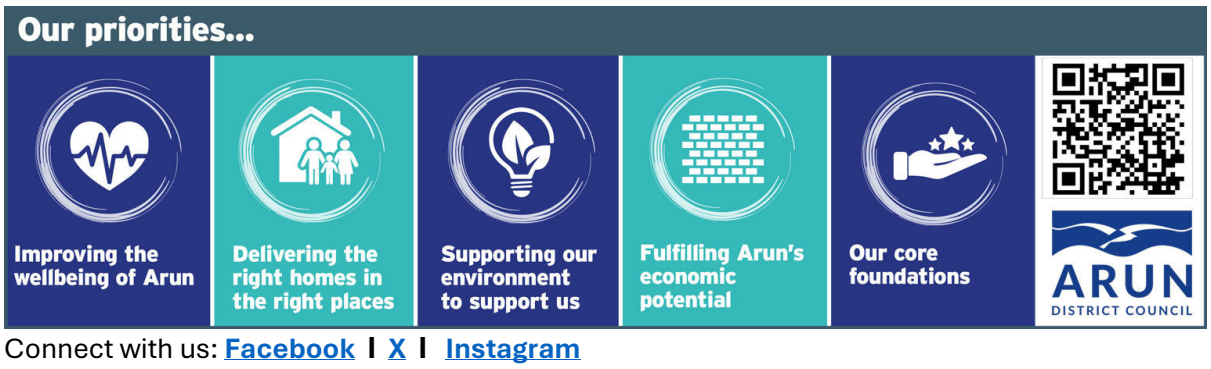
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Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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