

CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date of inspection: 28th May 2026

Case Officer: Jonny Cooper

Reference: AW/78/26/T

Location: 12 Lucerne Court, Aldwick, PO21 4XL

Proposal: Fell 1no. elm (G6) and 1no. mature sycamore (T5). Crown reduction to 1no. English oak (T3) to leave a southerly spread of 8m. Removal of deadwood to 1no. London plane (T1), 1no. ash (T2) and 1no. mature lime (T4).

Reasons: T3 – To achieve long-term clearance from dwelling. T5 – To preserve structural integrity of high estate wall.

Comments on Application:

T1, T2, T3, T4 & T5 are subjects of a preservation order – Bognor No.2 and/or TPO/AW/244/10.

G6 is not the subject of any TPO and works to T1, T2 & T4 are exempt, so need not be considered further.

T3 Pedunculate oak / <i>Quercus robur</i>	Height: 10-15m	Radial spread: 0-5m	Age class: Mature
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T5 Sycamore / <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	Height: 15-20m	Radial spread: 5-10m	Age class: Mature
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T3 – From a distance appearing healthy but close inspection of its stem base reveals fungal infection (susp. *Ganoderma resinaceum*). A tree of character at an important location on the estate. Due to competition with neighbouring trees and its south facing aspect, it has and will continue to advance its crown towards the dwelling. Past pruning has been successful in achieving adequate clearance and will need to be repeated.

T5 – Major constituent of the woodland, highly visible to users of Dark Lane as a fringe tree but otherwise discreet from public view. Close proximity to high estate wall and likely responsible for notable crack through full height of outward leaning breeze block section. Possesses high growth potential.

Conclusions:

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

T3 & T5 - The proposed work can be justified on arboricultural grounds and will not incur undue harm to the tree or enduring loss of visual amenity.

The TPO's woodland designation protects all trees (including new saplings and regeneration) in the compartment hosting T5 and there is a high density of established trees on most aspects to soften the impact of its removal. Therefore, is no requirement for a replacement tree to be planted.

Recommendation:

We grant consent for this application subject to the following condition:

Condition 1 – T3 only

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.

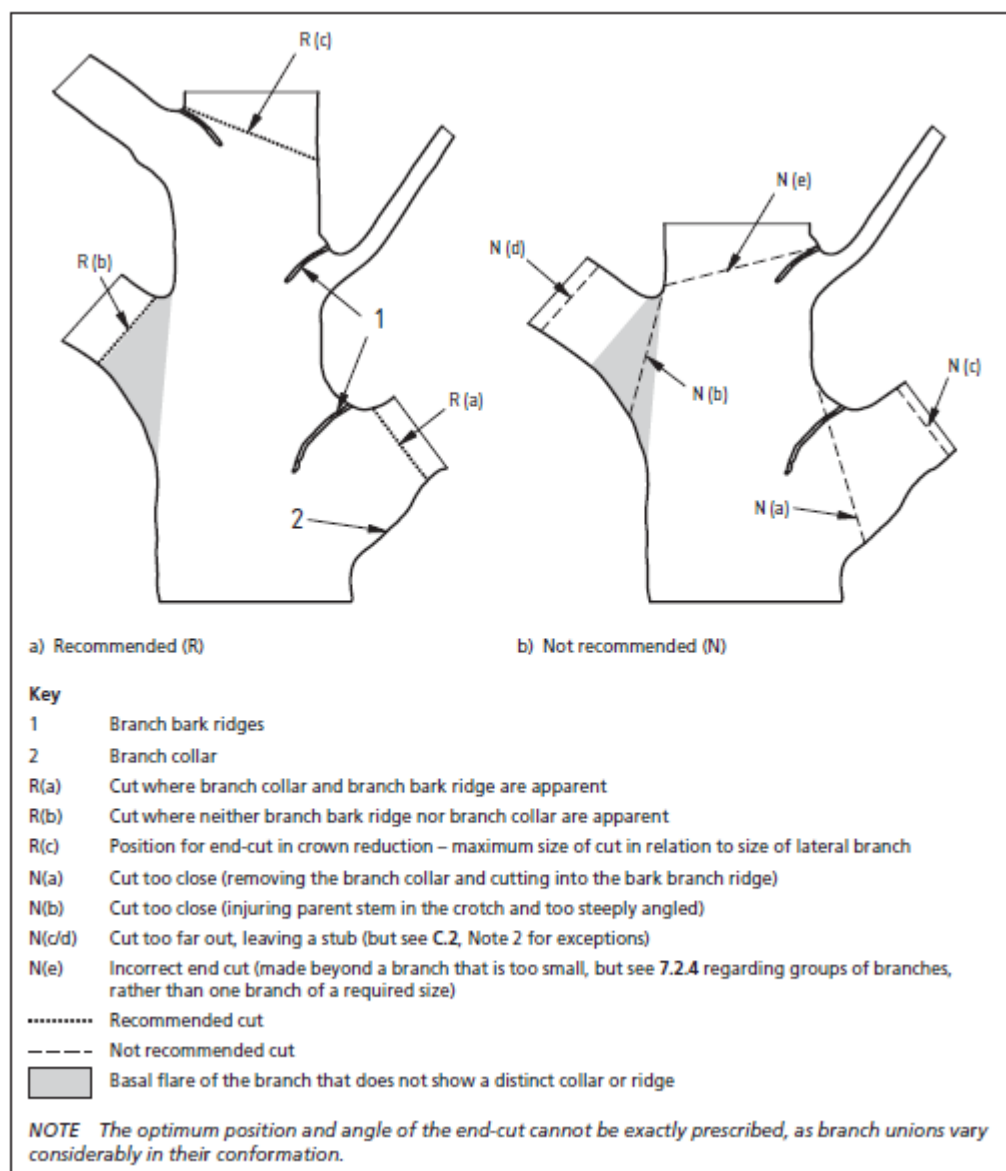
- See also the standard pruning guidance notes issued with the consent letter

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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts



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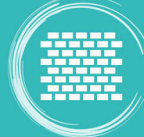
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Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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