

CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date of inspection: 11th June 2026

Case Officer: Susan Haley

Reference: AW/94/26/T

Location: 1 Kingsway, Aldwick, PO21 4DQ

Proposal: Crown reduction to 1no. Norway maple (T1) to leave a Northerly spread of 5.5m, Southerly spread of 8m and Westerly spread of 6m.

Reason: To mitigate an elevated risk of branch failure.

Comments on Application:

T1 is the subject of a preservation order – TPO/AW/251/10, T-679.

Norway maple / *Acer platanoides* Height: 10-15m Radial spread: 5-10m Age class: Early mature

The applicant has employed Gale Tree Consultancy Ltd. as agent and to submit the application with a supporting Tree Condition Report. The report is comprehensive and recommends further investigation of stem/branch unions, the results of which may further support the proposal.

From roadside the tree appears to be in a fine physiological state and occupies a prominent position. Despite possessing an open crown, over-extended branches and asymmetric form, it is visually appealing from the surrounding road network and can be considered a tree of high amenity value.

With focus on reducing lateral extent where branches extend beyond the majority crown profile and retention of height across the upper crown; the tree should not be diminished by these works.

Conclusions:

The proposed work has been justified on arboricultural grounds. There should be no long-term detriment to tree health and 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 interest of the tree's continued health and vitality and to accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice.

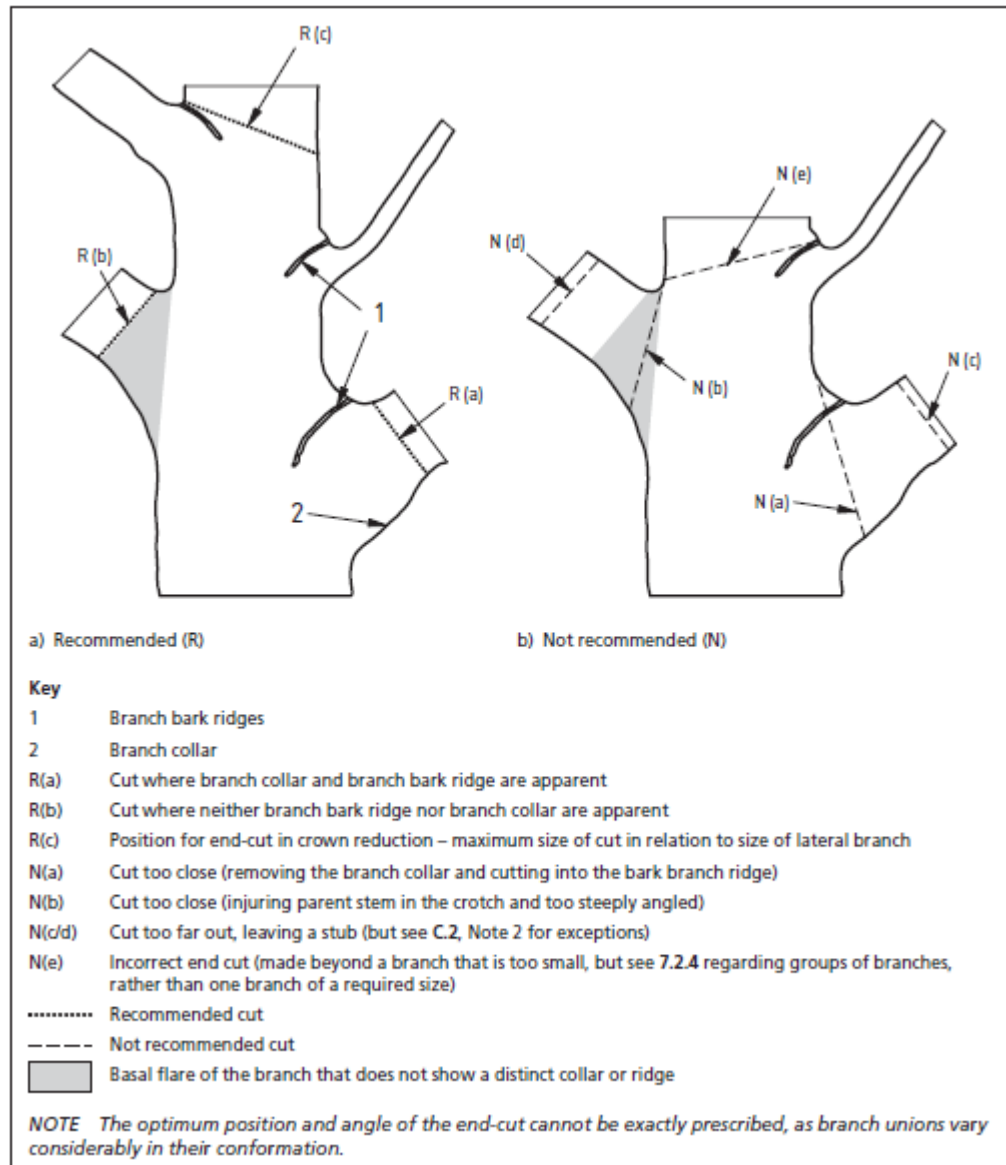
- See also the standard pruning guidance notes issued with the consent letter

Informative:

Hard pruning creates numerous and/or large wounds, incurring a physiological stress which may affect long-term health and vitality. The optimum times for pruning a maple tree are summer or midwinter as they are prone to bleeding.

Mark Warwick
Principal Tree Officer
Environment and Climate Change

Figure 2 Positions of final cuts



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Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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