

CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date of inspection: 23rd October 2025

Case Officer: Silvie Steiningerova

Reference: A/125/25/T

Location: Pinehurst, West Drive, Angmering, BN16 4NL

Proposal: 1no. sycamore (T1) crown reduction (southern side) to leave a spread of 10m and height to remain 15m and crown lift to 5.2m from ground level.

Reasons: To achieve long-term clearance of building and highway.

Comments on Application:

T1 is the subject of a preservation order – TPO/A/1/72, ref. G1.

T1 Sycamore / *Acer pseudoplatanus* Height: 10-15m Radial spread: 5-10m Age class: Mature

This tree appears to be in a fine physiological state. There is evidence of past low branch removal and shortening but overall displays an attractive crown profile thanks to its upper parts remaining intact. A prominent tree alongside a busy public right of way, it provides considerable amenity value.

It is proposed that only small diameter branches are removed/reduced to achieve the work objectives. This can be controlled by an appropriately worded condition, to ensure that whoever undertakes the work delivers a satisfactory outcome for the client and tree. The height and upper parts of the crown will remain unaffected.

Conclusions:

The proposed work has been justified on arboricultural grounds.

There should be no undue impact on tree health and amenity 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) All pruning cuts shall not exceed 50mm in diameter.

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 sycamore is summer or midwinter, as prone to bleeding.

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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

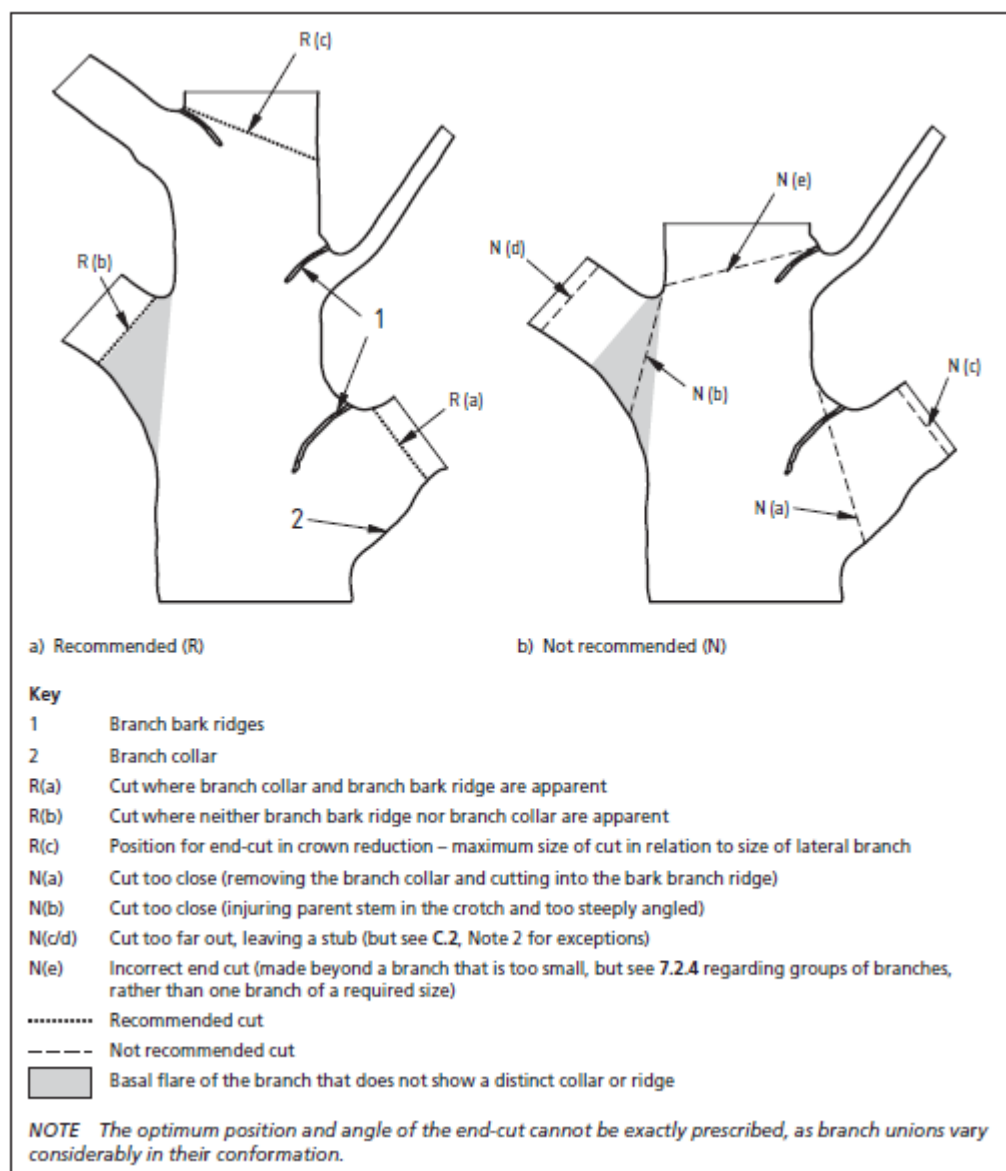
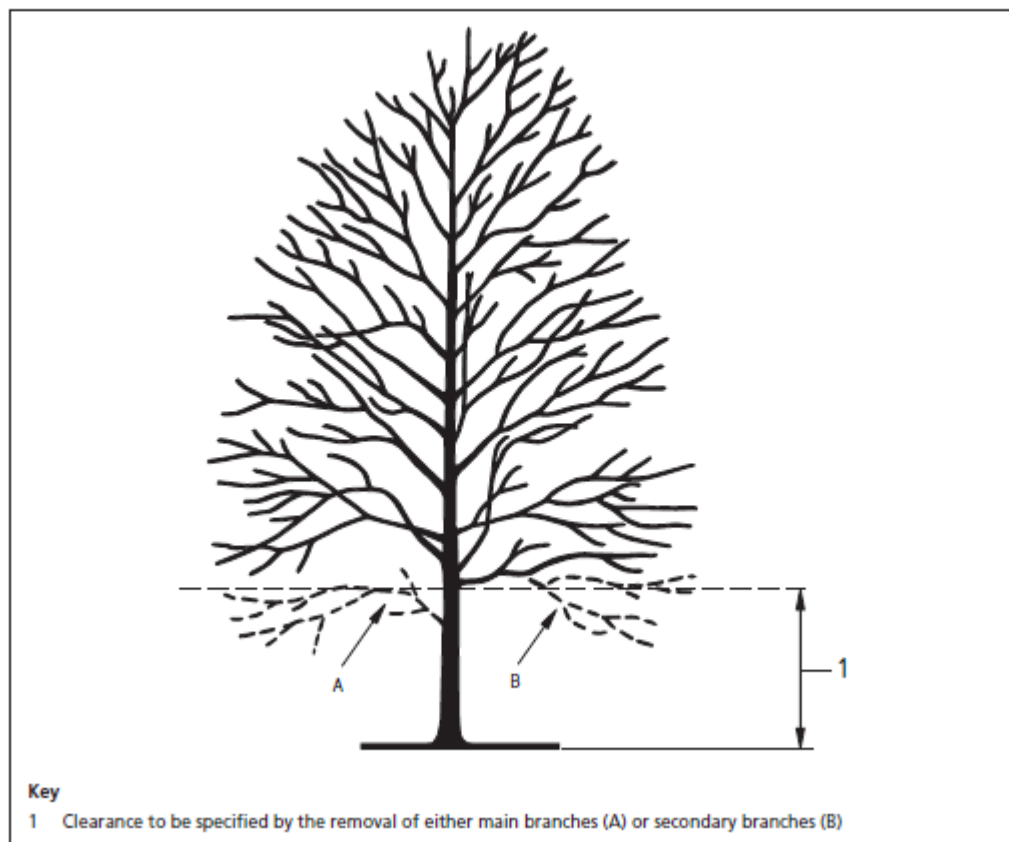


Figure 3 Crown lifting



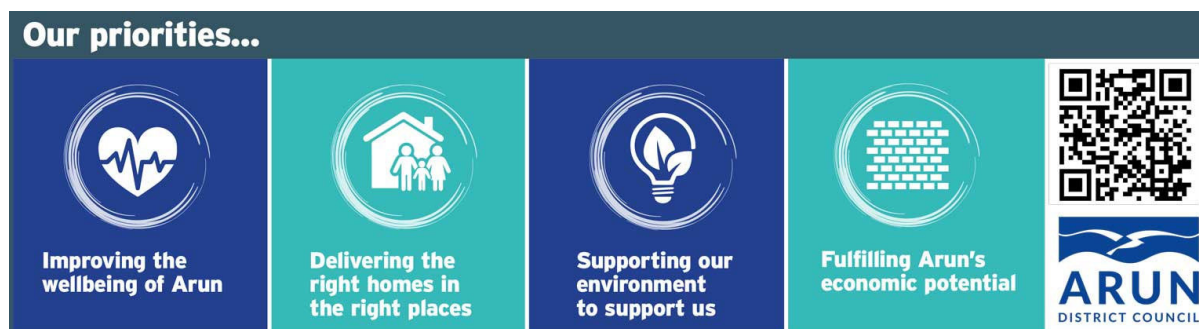
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Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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