

CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date of report: 26th November 2025

Case Officer: Jonny Cooper

Reference: A/148/25/T

Location: 1 Alexander Avenue, Angmering, BN16 4PQ

Proposal: 1no. Monterey pine (T1) removal of overhanging branches back to the boundary line.

Reasons: Abatement of nuisance and risk management

Comments on Application:

T1 Monterey pine / <i>Pinus radiata</i>	Height: 20-25m	Radial spread: 5-10m	Age class: Mature
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I have considered this application by means of a desktop review, using the information and plans submitted as well as online resources. Previous consideration from site and familiarity with the surrounding area provides further insight to the proposal.

This tree is discreetly located within the expansive gardens of the owner's property, although by virtue of its size and evergreen foliage has significant presence when viewed from its southern aspect. It is visible from neighbouring properties and the public highway (footway and carriageway).

It is imposing over the applicant's garden, being a large tree of considerable height. The branches of this tree type are often heavily laden with large cones. Those which detach from the tree are usually over-ripe (have discarded their winged seed) and attached to an item of deadwood. As such, they can present a considerable hazard especially when falling from great height.

A reduction back to the boundary line will lead to the rapid decline and inevitable death of some large limbs and branches at height. This is undesirable as it will create a new hazard for both tree owner and applicant. Ideally, the neighbouring parties would agree a plan to remove those branches back to a suitable junction, but this has not been sought to the best of our knowledge.

I prefer the proposal as interpreted from the annotated photographs and described in the application form, which seek the removal/reduction of crown material (seven branches) to a lesser extent and with less impact on tree health and visual amenity, and assume this is the intention.

Conclusions:

The proposed work has been justified on arboricultural grounds. If undertaken to a high standard there should be no long-term detriment to tree health or significant loss of visual amenity.

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:

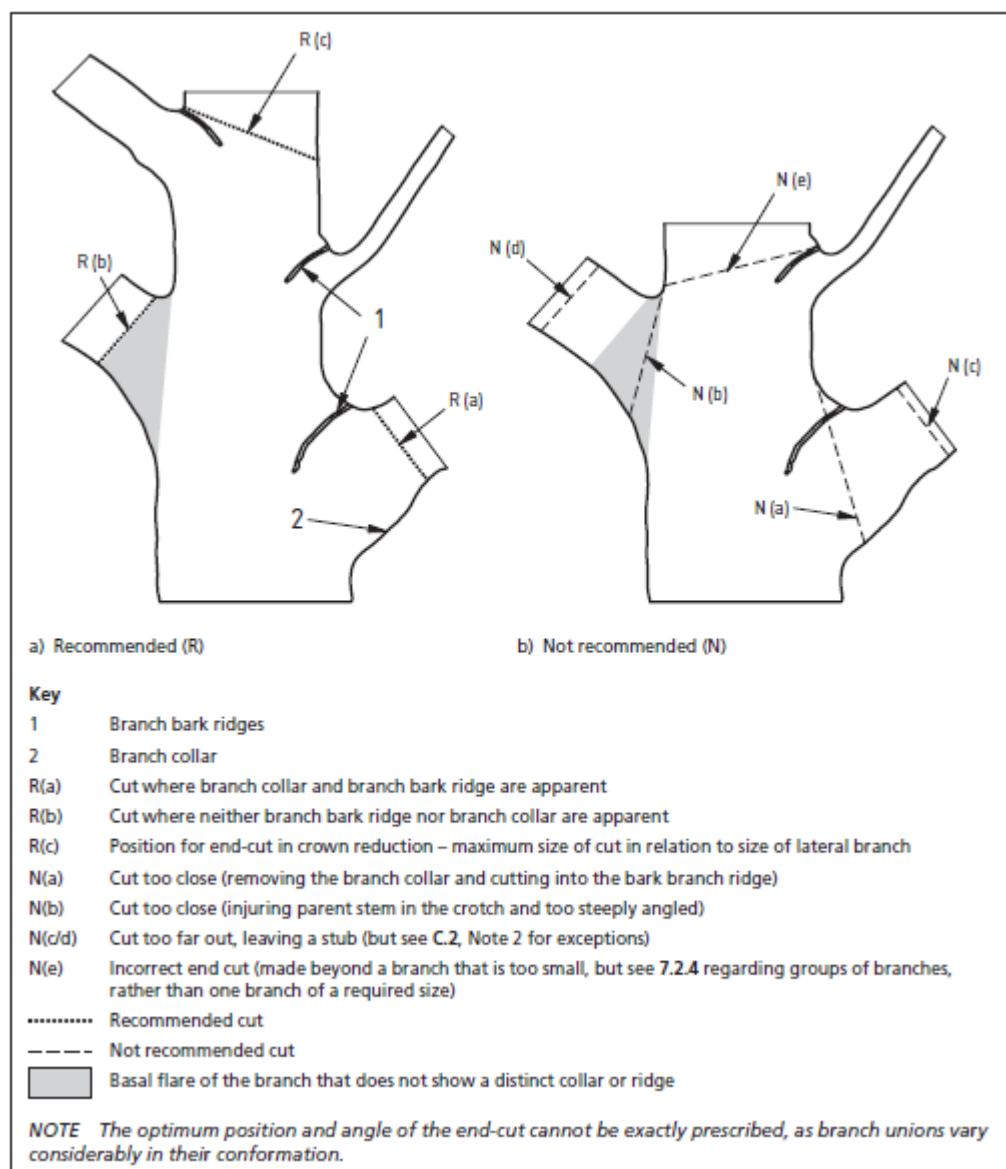
Where an applicant is not the stated owner of the tree(s), permission must first be obtained from the landowner before operating beyond the boundary of their own property. Consent from the local planning authority does not by association permit approved works to be carried out in the absence of such permission.

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Tree Officer

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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts



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