

Planning Officer: Miss K Welch

Planning Application Ref: A/192/21/T

Location: Field House, The Thatchway, Angmering, BN16 4HJ

Description of works: Crown lift 1no. Turkey oak (T1) to 7m

Reasons given: To improve light penetration into garden and improve aesthetic

Comments on Application:

Turkey oak / *Quercus cerris* Height: 15-20m Radial spread: 5-10m Age class: Mature

- Outwardly and from a distance (roadside) this tree appears to be in a fine physiological state and assumed to be so in the absence of any evidence provided to the contrary.
- It is a large and imposing tree but appears harmonious with surroundings. Some low pendulous smaller branches may interfere with driveway access and encroach towards the detached garage roof.
- Crown lifting to 7metres on all aspects and back to the main stems (which must be considered as the proposal) would be detrimental to the tree's appearance and likely exceed the requirements of British Standard 3998:2010 Tree Work-Recommendations.
- It is acknowledged that the intent is to focus attention on the southern aspects, but a distinction between small diameter problematic branches (in this instance most are 'droppers' – see pruning guidance note) and heavier low limbs of no obvious concern, is important here.
- It grows at the front of the property and presents a visually impressive crown profile. It is visible from surrounding properties and to those accessing rights of way, public highway and church land. As such, it has amenity value.

Conclusions:

- The principle of work proposed is justifiable on arboricultural grounds. This is a specimen tree of significant visual amenity and can be carefully pruned to maintain reasonable enjoyment of residential property with respect for natural tree form.
- An appropriately worded condition should be employed to guide and ensure the result of crown lifting work both improves conditions for the occupier(s) and does not harm ongoing health and vitality of the tree.

Recommendation:

- I recommend **CONSENT** for this application, subject to the following condition:

Condition to Be Applied to Approved Work: -

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) The diameter of all 'final cut' pruning wounds must not exceed 75mm 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

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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

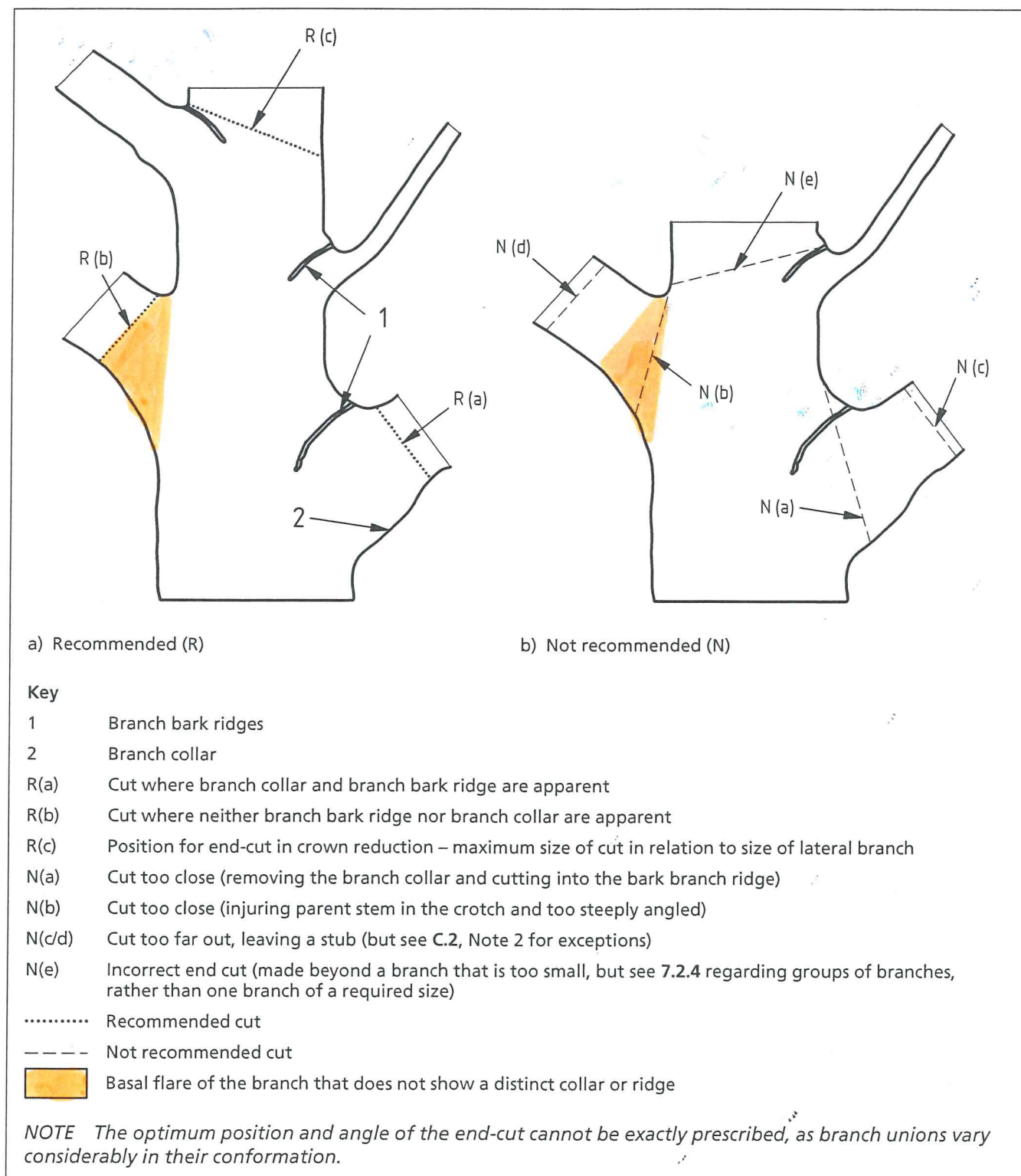


Figure 3 Crown lifting

