

**Planning Officer:** Mr F Gardner

**Planning Application Ref:** A/37/19/T

**Location:** 21A Lansdowne Road, Angmering, BN16 4JX

**Description of works:** Crown reduction of 2m to 1 No. walnut tree

**Reasons Given:** To safeguard structural integrity of tree, following central stem failure

**Comments on Application:**

**Walnut / *Juglans regia***                      Approx. height: 9m                      Average spread: 4m                      Age class: Mature

- The applicant has employed Andrew Gale Tree Surgery Ltd to assess the tree and report on its condition. This is sufficient and recommends a balanced work proposal to best manage the tree in an appropriate state for its location.
- This tree appears to be outwardly healthy and stable. On closer inspection it is clear that multiple areas of decay within major stems are collectively significant. The recent loss of the central stem has exposed the east and west tending stems and as such may be vulnerable to breakage.
- It is prominent at the front of the property and can be clearly seen from adjacent residential dwellings and in part to public highway users. As such, it has public amenity value.

**Conclusions:**

- The work proposed is necessary to mitigate risk of structural failure and so justified on arboricultural grounds.
- If the work is undertaken to a good standard and at the right time; then it is unlikely to have an unduly detrimental effect on the tree's long-term vitality and visual amenity.

**Recommendations:**

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

**Conditions To Be Applied to Approved Work: -**

- 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
- 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.
- The long-term vitality of this tree is best respected when significant pruning work such as proposed, is undertaken during either the summer (June to August) or mid-winter (mid-December to mid-February) periods. The work proposed must only be undertaken during these periods.

**Reasons:** In the interests of the trees 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**

Mark Warwick  
Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team

Figure 4 Diagrammatic illustration of crown reduction

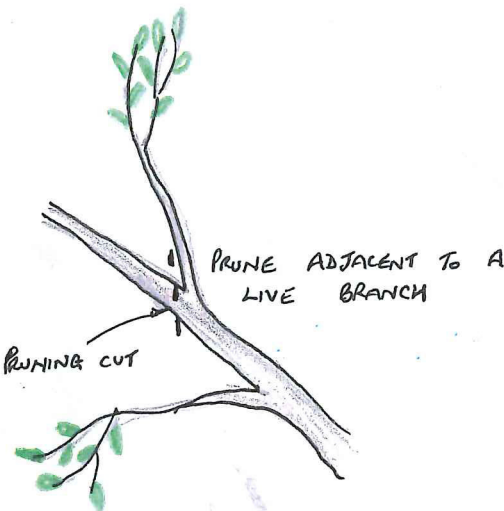
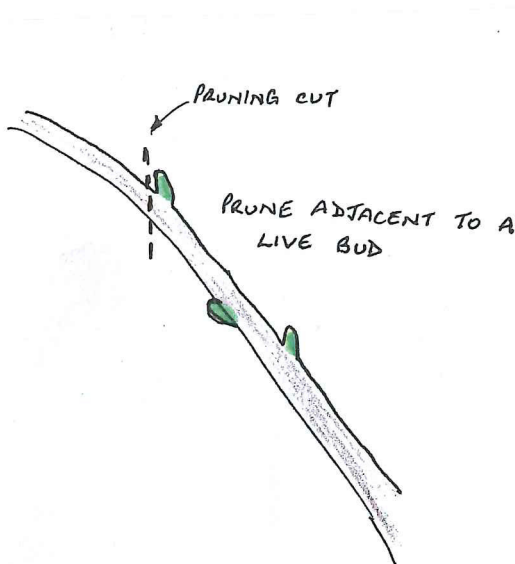
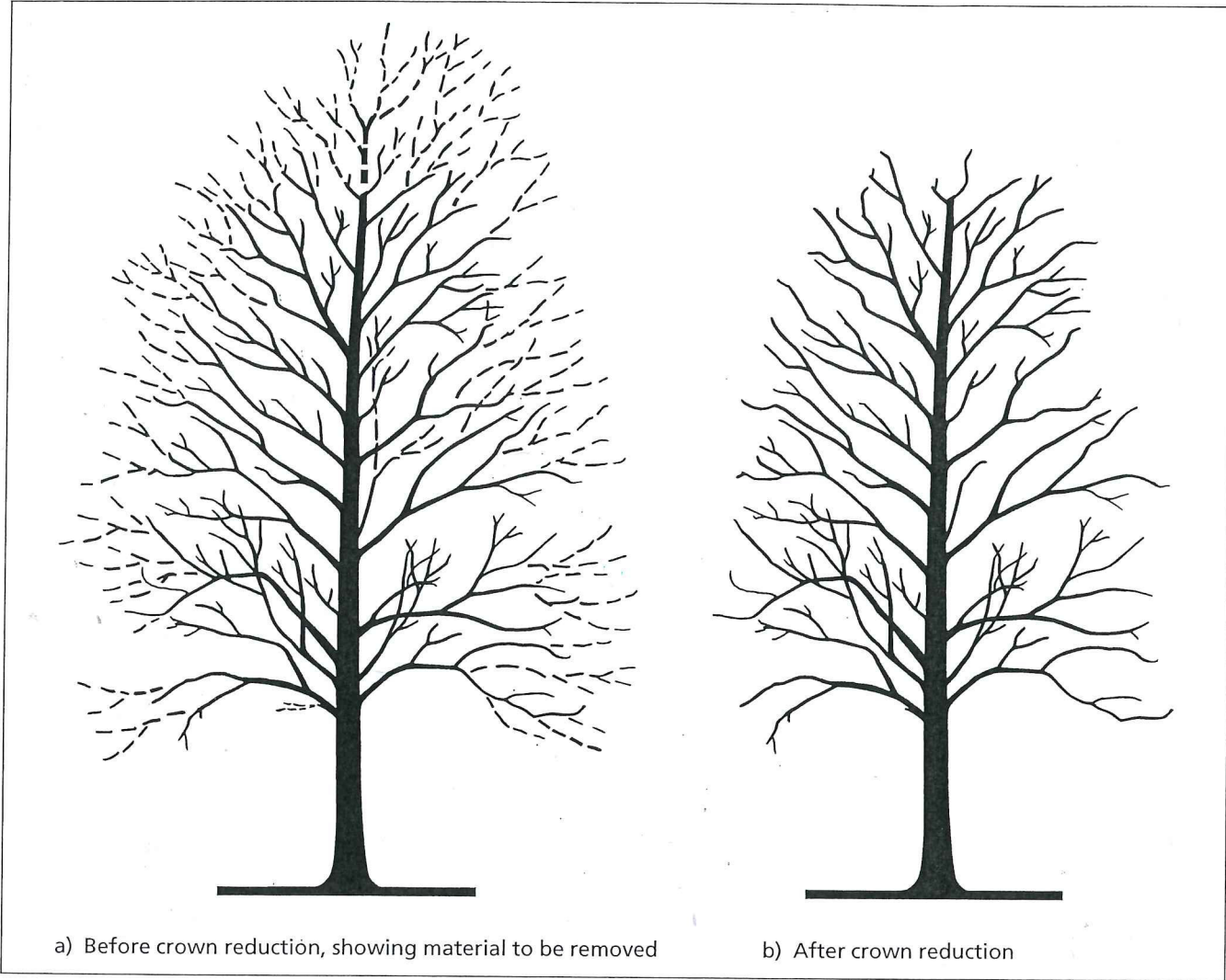


Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

