

## CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date of inspection: 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2026

**Case Officer:** Silvie Steiningerova

**Reference:** A/68/26/T

**Location:** 24 The Groves, Angmering, BN16 4QS

**Proposal:** Crown reduction to 1no. lime (T1) to leave a spread of 6m and height of 9m.  
Crown lift to 4m from ground level.

**Reasons:** To maintain a good shape and keep the tree at a reasonable size.

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### Comments on Application:

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| <b>Lime / Tilia sp.</b> | Height: 10-15m | Radial spread: 5-10m | Age class: Early mature |
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From the field to the north, T1 appears to be in a fine physiological state and with moderate-good form. One of several lime trees well-spaced in linear formation, which have potential to become important and prominent features in the landscape. They were purposefully retained as part of the recent estate development and optimally located relative to dwellings. The development of broad and largely unmodified upper crowns will increase their landscape impact and amenity value, so is desirable.

The whole crown reduction pruning proposed will introduce structural defects at height and likely condemn the tree to a lifetime of unfulfilled landscape potential.

Low branches may become problematic and especially as the tree reaches maturity, so early formative pruning will limit wound size.

### Conclusions:

The tree is a significant feature in the local landscape and appears to be in adequately sound and healthy condition. The main element of tree surgery proposed in the application would result in excessive reduction of the tree's landscape impact and undue detriment to the visual amenities of the locality.

The removal of low small diameter branches to achieve adequate long-term clearance on all aspects, is justified and unlikely to have any harmful effect if undertaken to a high standard.

### Recommendation:

As it stands, I am unable to support this application. I **would like the applicant invited to agree to a revised proposal for lesser works (as described below) as part of the current application so as not to incur further delay.** Such work would go some way to addressing the applicant's concerns whilst ensuring no undue detriment to tree health or loss of amenity:

- *Crown lift to provide a maximum of four metres overhead clearance on all aspects, to 1no. lime tree (T1).*
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If the applicant agrees to the above revision, then I would be able to recommend we grant consent, 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 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**

Mark Warwick  
Principal Tree Officer  
Environment and Climate Change

Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

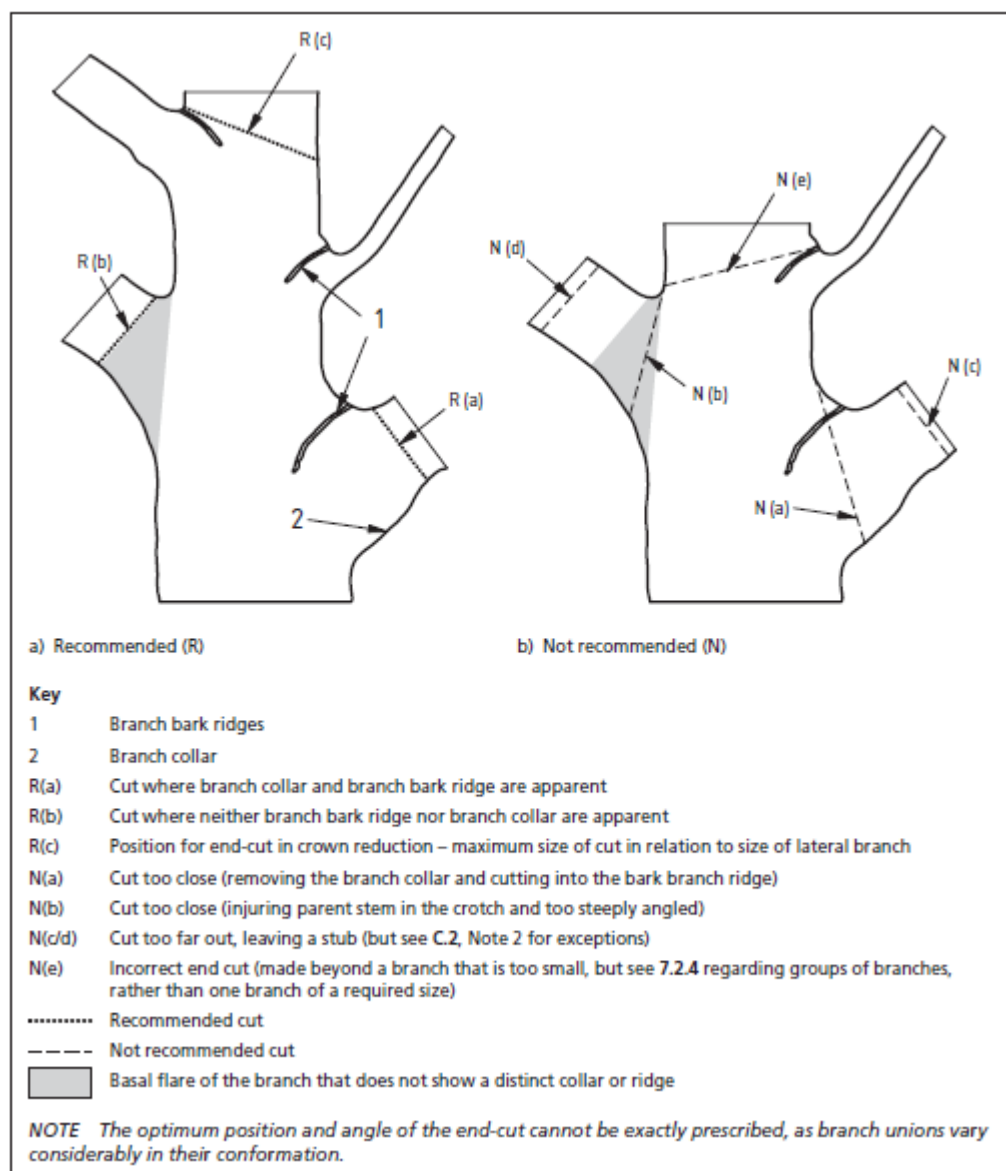
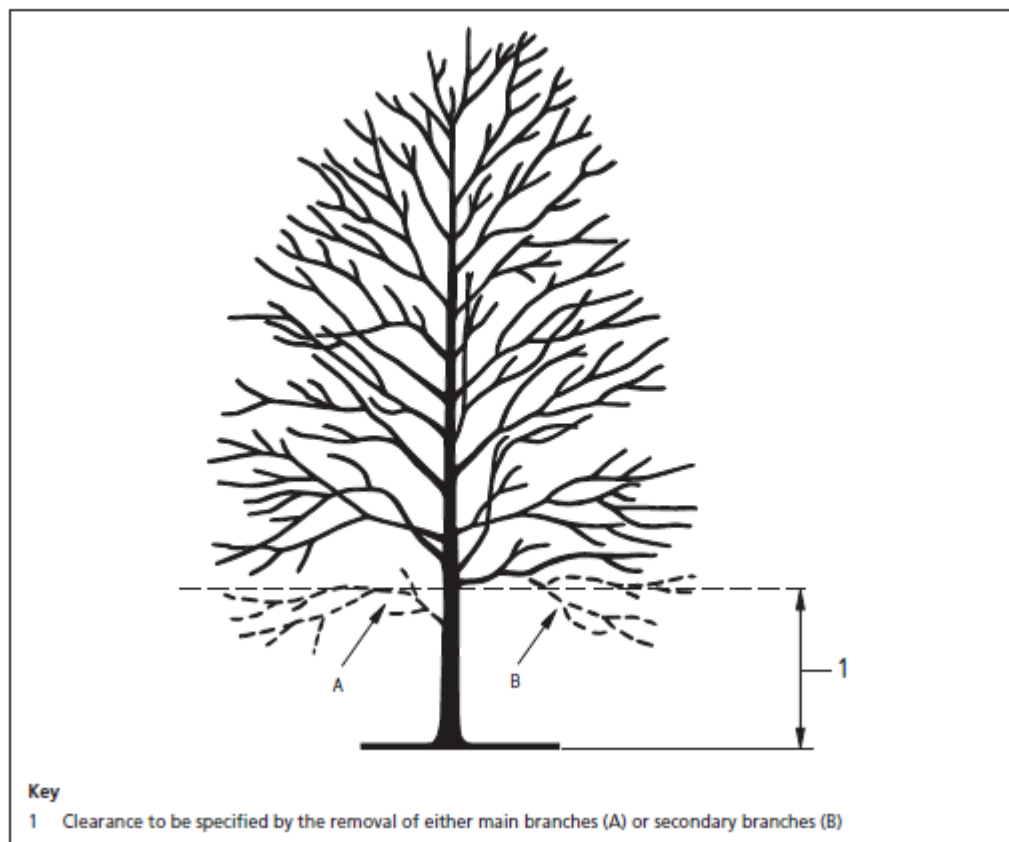


Figure 3 Crown lifting



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Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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