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Lynnyrd

Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

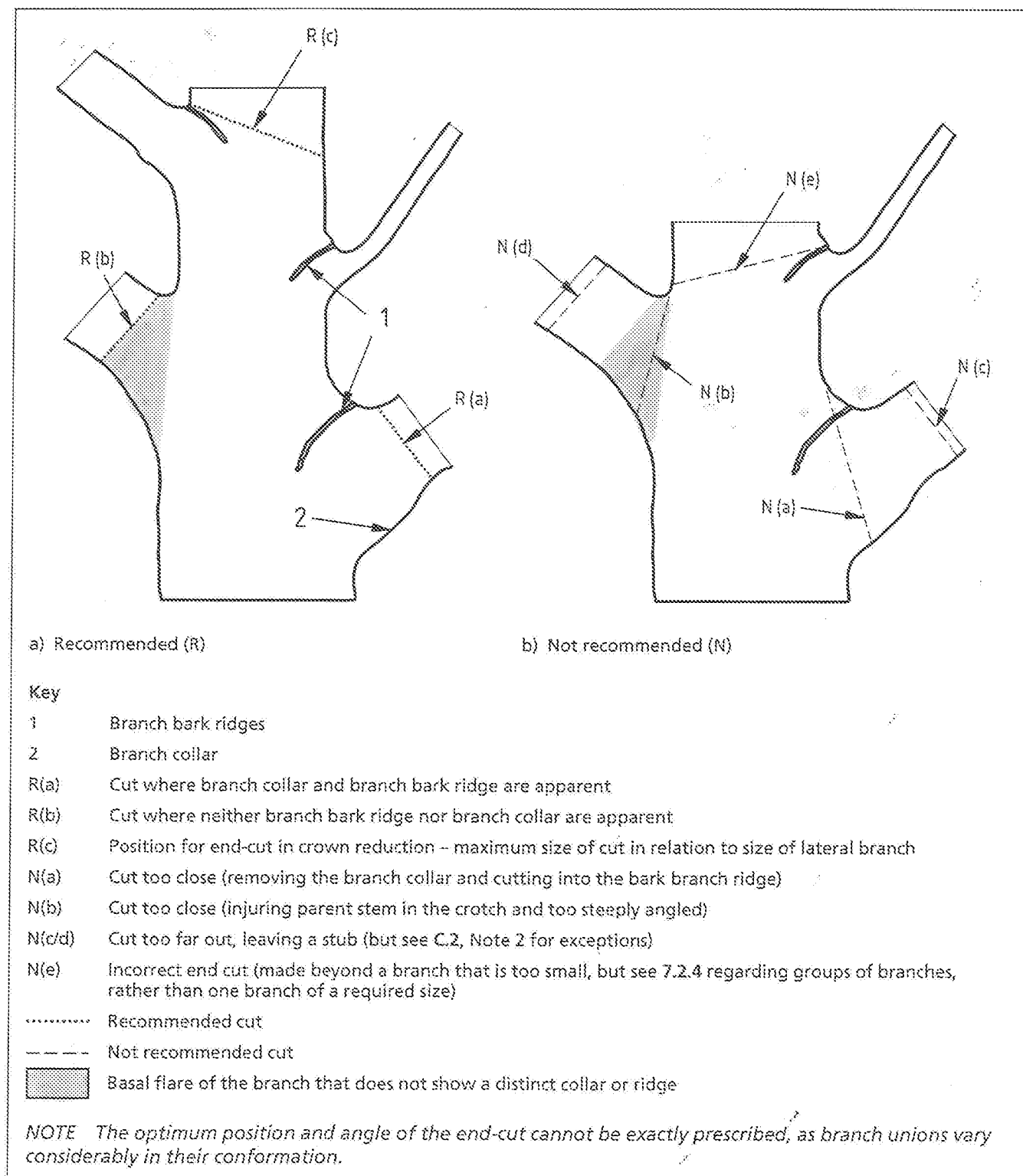
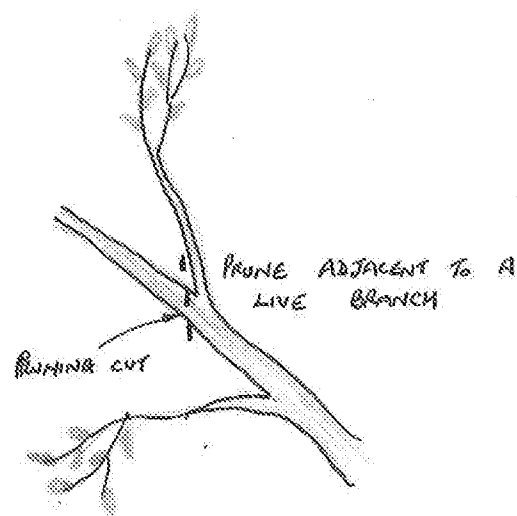
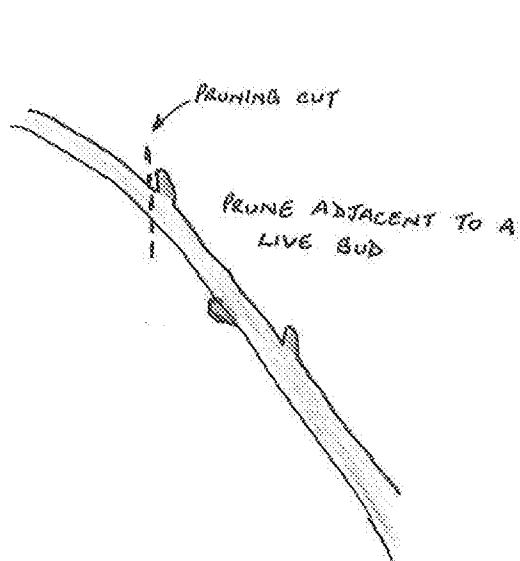
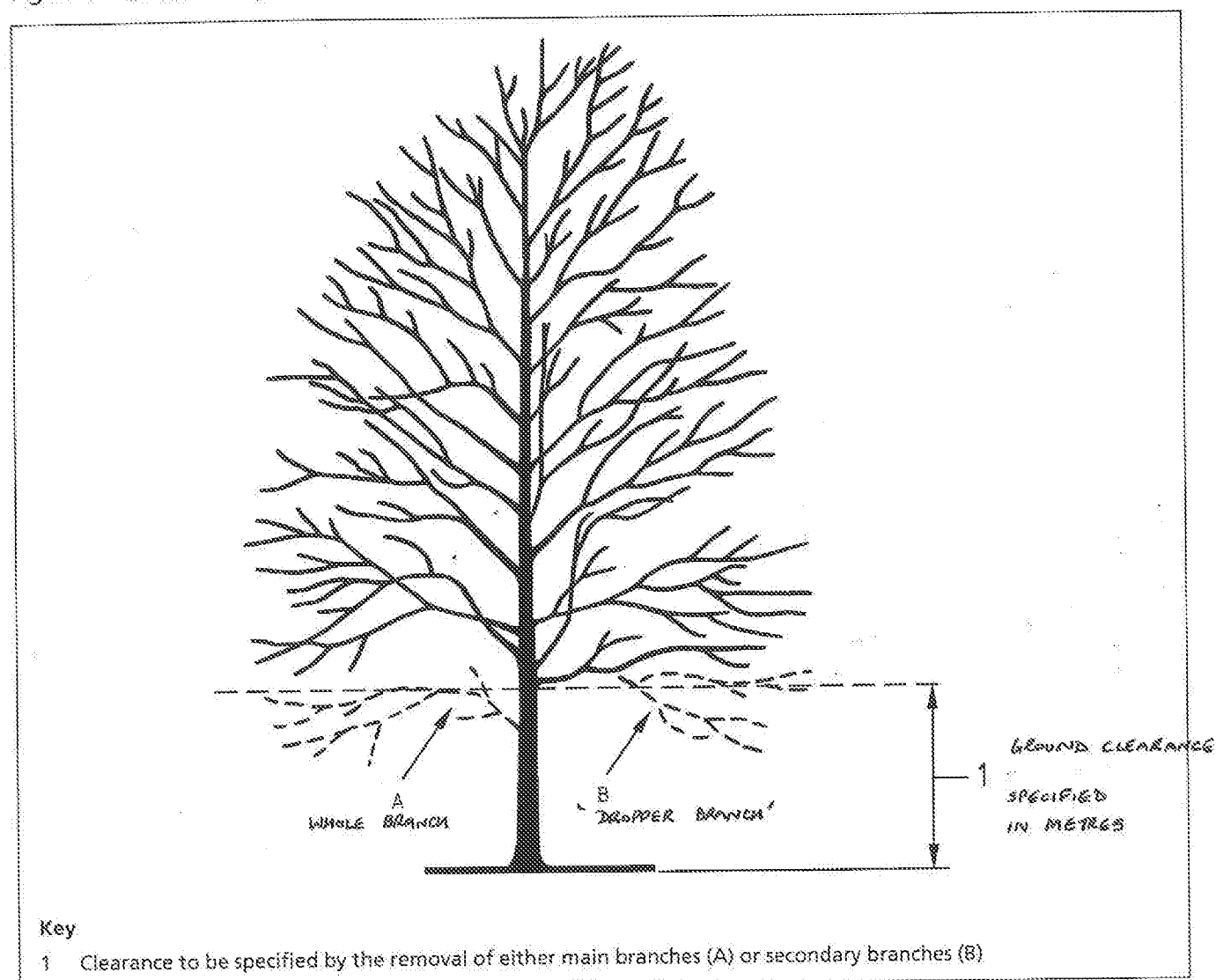


Figure 3 Crown lifting



Planning Officer: Lynnyrd Wolfe

Planning Application Ref: BN/114/19/T

Location: Shannock, Church Lane, Eastergate, PO20 3UT

Description of works: Crown reduction up to 2m to growth points to 1no. beech tree

Reasons Given: To maintain at reasonable size and clear carriageway

Comments on Application:

Beech / *Fagus sylvatica* Approx. height: 16m Average spread: 8m Age class: Mature

- Outwardly and from all aspects, this tree appears to be in a fine physiological state and stable. It presents a full and attractive crown profile, despite having undergone historic main stem truncation and selective reduction of low limbs from over the carriageway.
- It occupies a tight corner of the garden plot, flanked by a boundary fence and heavy buttressed flint/brick wall. This restricts the view of the stem base.
- This is a prominent tree offering high visual amenity to the surrounding area; which includes both private property and public highway.

Conclusions:

- This tree requires careful management that respects its age and vulnerability to environmental changes and disease progression.
- Although probably well-intentioned, on balance I do not believe there is justification for such a major pruning exercise.
- The tree is a significant feature in the local landscape and appears to be in adequately sound and healthy condition. The 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.

Recommendations:

- As it stands, I recommend **REFUSAL** for this application.

Advisory:

- I would like to see the applicant submit a revised work specification such as detailed below, which would address some of their concerns whilst preventing a diminution of the tree's landscape and public amenity value:
 - Crown lift (careful selection of 'main' and 'secondary' branches) to provide 3m overhead clearance on all aspects
 - Crown lift (careful selection of 'main' and 'secondary' branches) to provide 6m overhead clearance above carriageway

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- If the applicant is prepared to re-submit in line with this advice, then I would be able to recommend **APPROVAL** 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.

Reasons: In the interests 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

Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team