

Case Officer: Hannah Kersley
Reference: BN/37/22/T
Location: Land west of Green Acres, Lake Lane, Barnham, PO22 0AE
Proposal: Various works to various trees
Reasons given: To reduce influence over newly constructed dwelling

Comments on Application:

T08 (LLD ref.) **Sycamore** / *Acer pseudoplatanus*

Height: 15-20m

Radial spread: 5-10m

Age class: Mature

T13a (LLD ref.) Group constituent, 1x **pedunculate oak** / *Quercus robur*

Height: 10-15m

Radial spread: 5-10m

Age class: Early mature

- Outwardly both trees appear to be in a fine physiological state and assumed to be so in the absence of any evidence provided to the contrary.
- The applicant/agent has submitted a tree survey and plan. Those are comprehensive and include detailed work specification with satisfactory reasons given for each item.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds due to the proximity of branches to newly constructed dwelling and encroachment over garden area.
- A large wound is to be created near the base of T08 which is contrary to the requirements of BS3998:2010 Tree work – Recommendations. Retention of some length of the limb and subordinate branch structure would be preferable if practical to do so. It is vital that the work is undertaken to a high standard (position of final cuts) and at the right time, to minimise adverse effect on the tree's long-term vitality and visual amenity.

Recommendation:

- I recommend **CONSENT** is granted subject to the following condition:

Condition to Be Applied to All Approved Works: -

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 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***

Advisory:

- For oak the optimum time to prune is during the late spring to summer period (May to August).
- For sycamore (which are also prone to bleeding from wounds) the optimum times to prune are during summer (June to August) and mid-winter (late-December to early-February).

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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

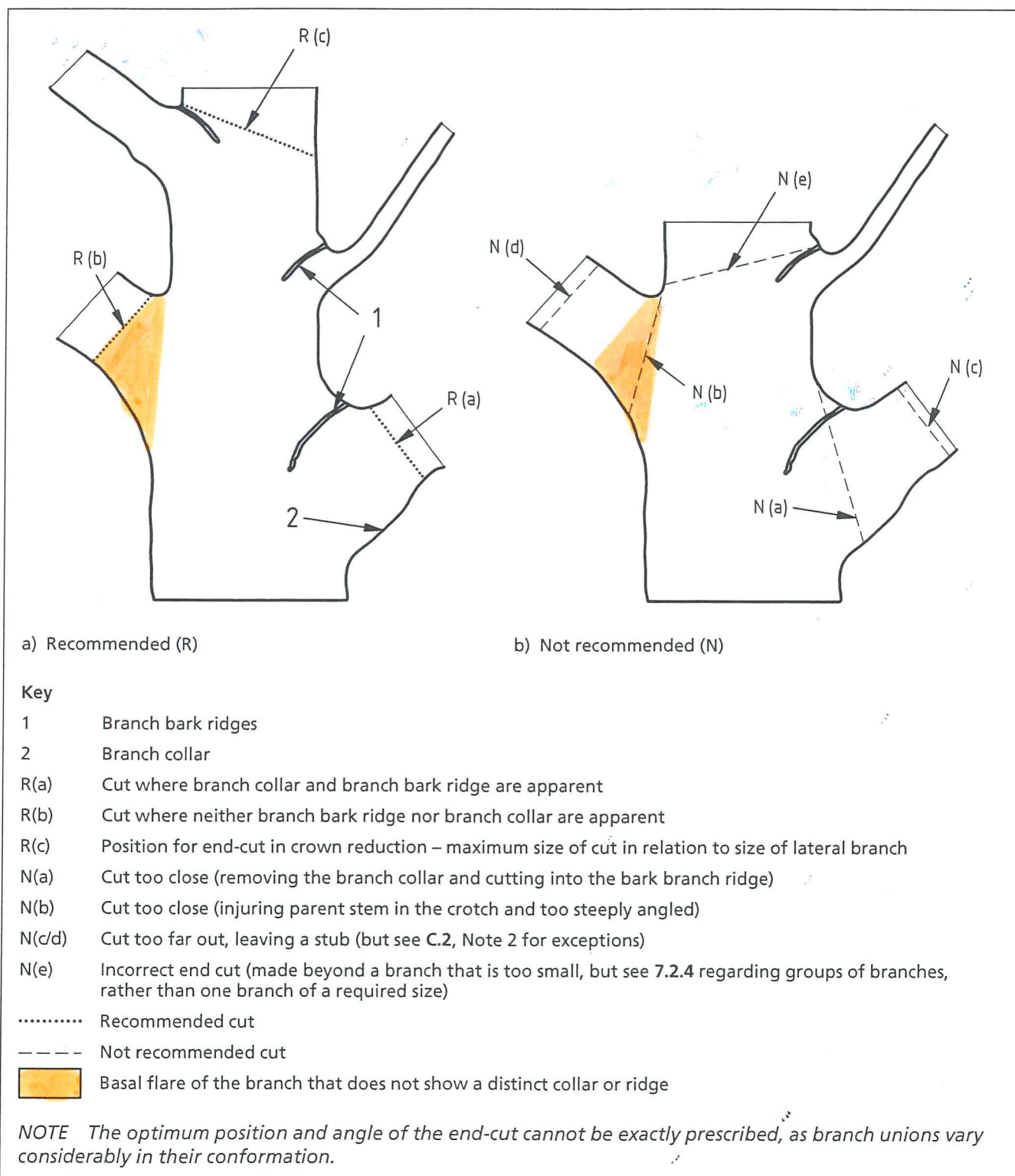


Figure 3 Crown lifting

