

CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date of inspection: 22nd April 2026

Case Officer: Jonny Cooper

Reference: BN/40/26/T

Location: 84 Farnhurst Road, Barnham, PO22 0JW

Proposal: Crown reduction to 1no. oak (T1) to leave a height of 15m, southerly spread of 6m, easterly spread of 7m, westerly and northerly spreads of 5.5m.

Reasons: Containment due to proximity to building, maintaining a balanced and natural shape.

Comments on Application:

T1 is a subject of preservation order Eastergate No.1/70, T33.

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

From roadside and public open space (restricted views) this tree appears to be in a fine physiological state and assumed to be so in the absence of any evidence provided or statement made to the contrary.

It is prominent and dominating over adjacent properties. There is some evidence of historic large branch reduction, although not obviously applied across the crown or at top-height. As such, the crown appears visually impressive.

The agent proposes only a slight reduction of 1-2metres on all aspects, thereby keeping wound size relatively small and achieving a balanced crown profile.

Conclusions:

This is an important tree in the landscape and of an age which demands careful management.

The proposed work has been justified on arboricultural grounds and should not incur undue harm to the tree or loss of visual amenity if undertaken to a high standard and at an appropriate time of year.

Recommendation:

We grant consent for this application 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) Where crown reduction work has occurred previously, the removal of subsequent growth (shoots and branches) and position of final cuts must ensure retention of all established knuckles.

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*

Informative:

Hard pruning creates numerous and/or large wounds, incurring a physiological stress which may affect long-term health and vitality. The optimum time for pruning deciduous oak trees is late spring to summer (May to August). Winter months when the trees are dormant is the traditional season for such work and certainly much less harmful than undertaking during spring or autumn, which should be avoided.

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Tree Officer

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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

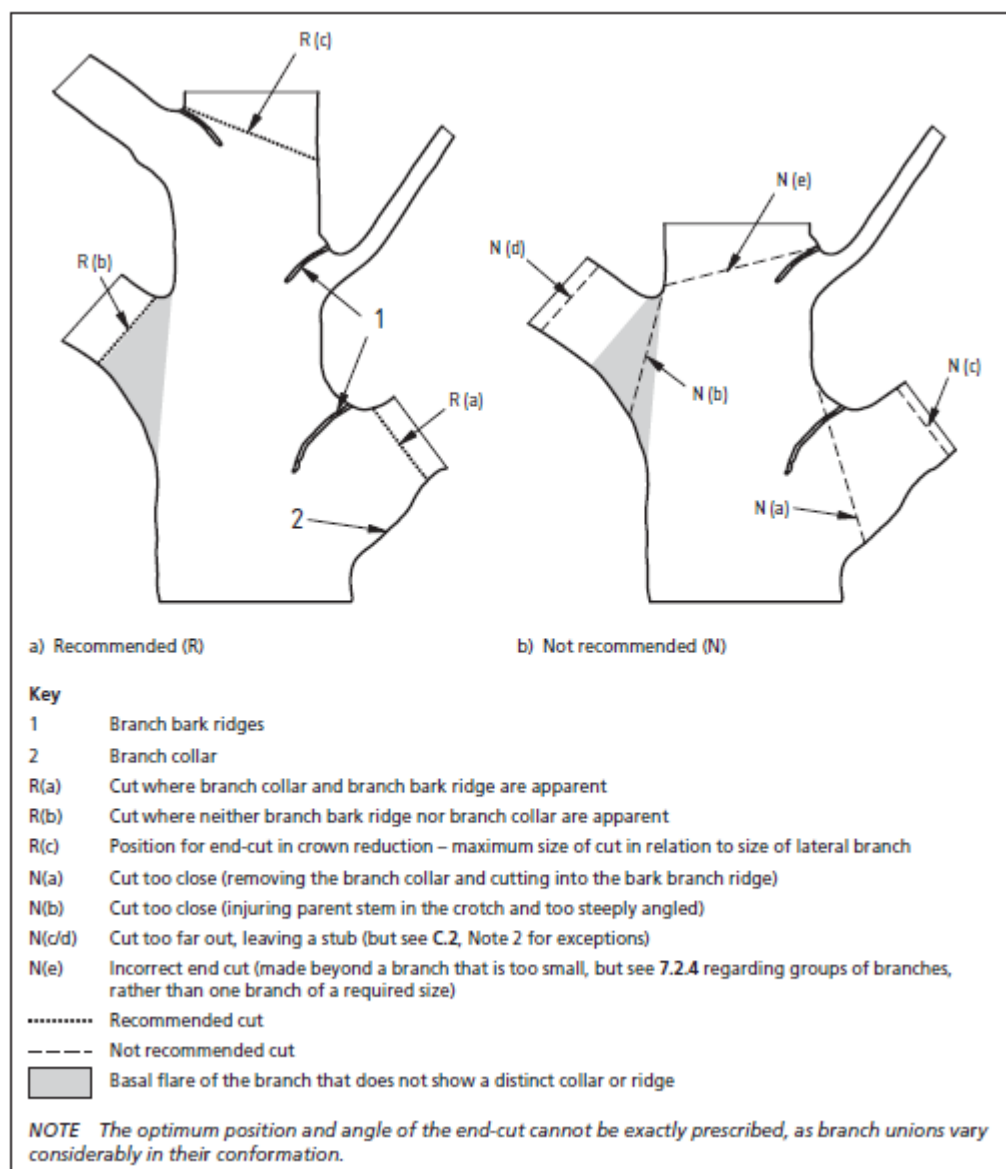
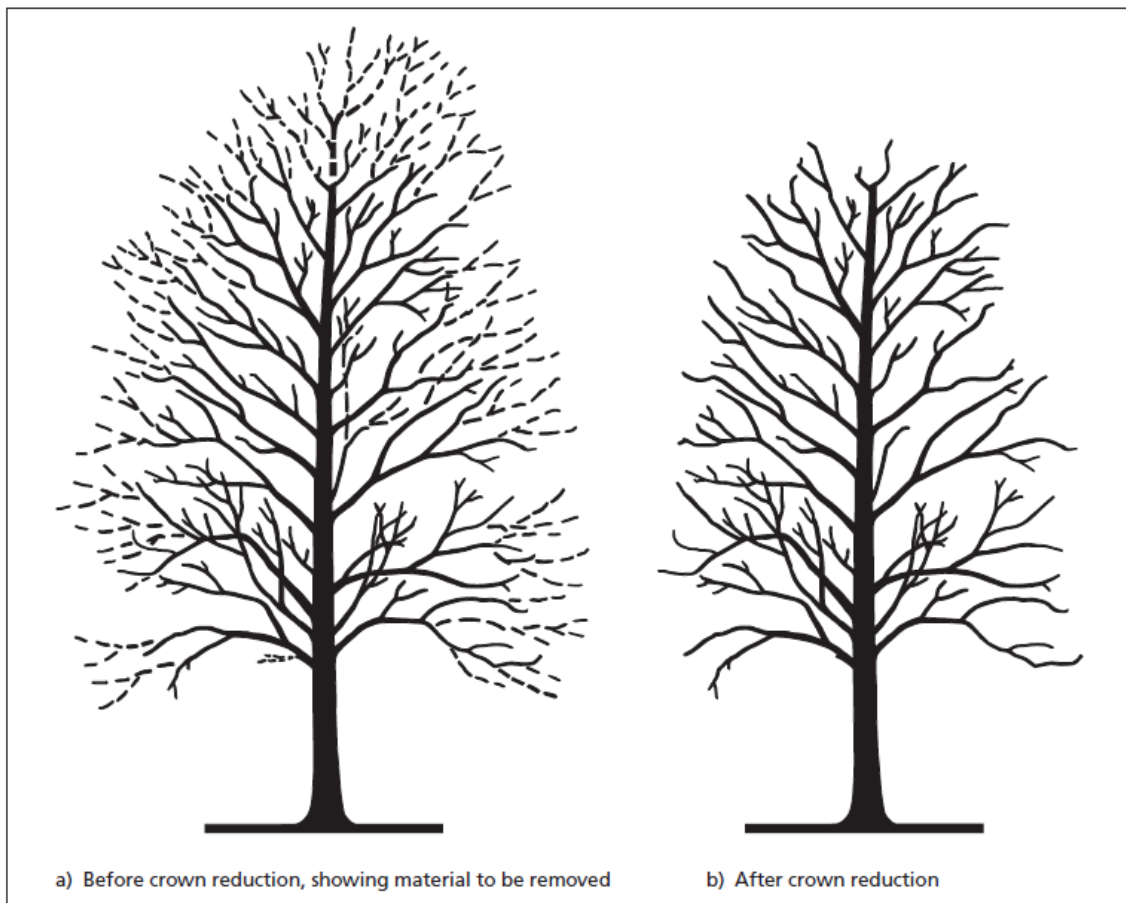
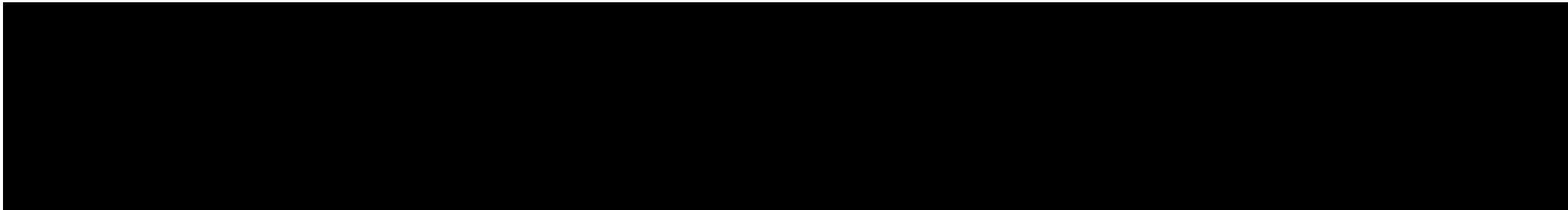
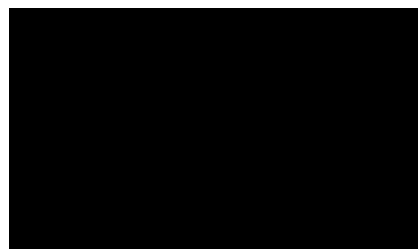


Figure 4 Diagrammatic illustration of crown reduction





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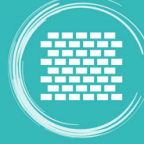
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Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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