

CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date of report: 13th May 2026

Case Officer: Susan Haley

Reference: BN/48/26/T

Location: Green space opposite 26 Farrow Drive, Barnham, PO22 0FN

Proposal: Reduction of crown spread (not height) on the northwestern aspect only to the property boundary line (approximate removal of 4m spread).

Reason: To remove property encroachment

Comments on Application:

T1 Pedunculate oak / *Quercus robur* Height: 15-20m Radial spread: 5-10m Age class: Mature

This tree appeared to be in a fine physiological state when visited 1st April 2026. The upper crown largely unmodified with some historic removal of low large limbs and reduction of branches higher on the west aspect (facing applicant's property), presumably to facilitate construction and accommodate the dwelling.

Outward facing crown aspects viewed from the estate road present a natural balanced form and therefore visually appealing. This contribution to the landscape was identified early on in the planning stages of the estate development by making TPO/BN/1/10, with T1 purposefully retained on communal land for the benefit of the wider community.

Nearest branches to the dwelling are to within 1.5metres (m) at highest level where they overhang directly and of small diameter, the majority of crown clearance is at least 2m.

This proposal is uncontroversial, seeking as it does to contain the extent of canopy growing towards dwellings whilst retaining natural form on all other aspects and not altering top height.

Conclusions:

The proposed work should not incur harm to the tree or loss of visual amenity and is justified on arboricultural grounds.

Recommendation:

We grant consent for this application subject to the following condition:

Condition 1

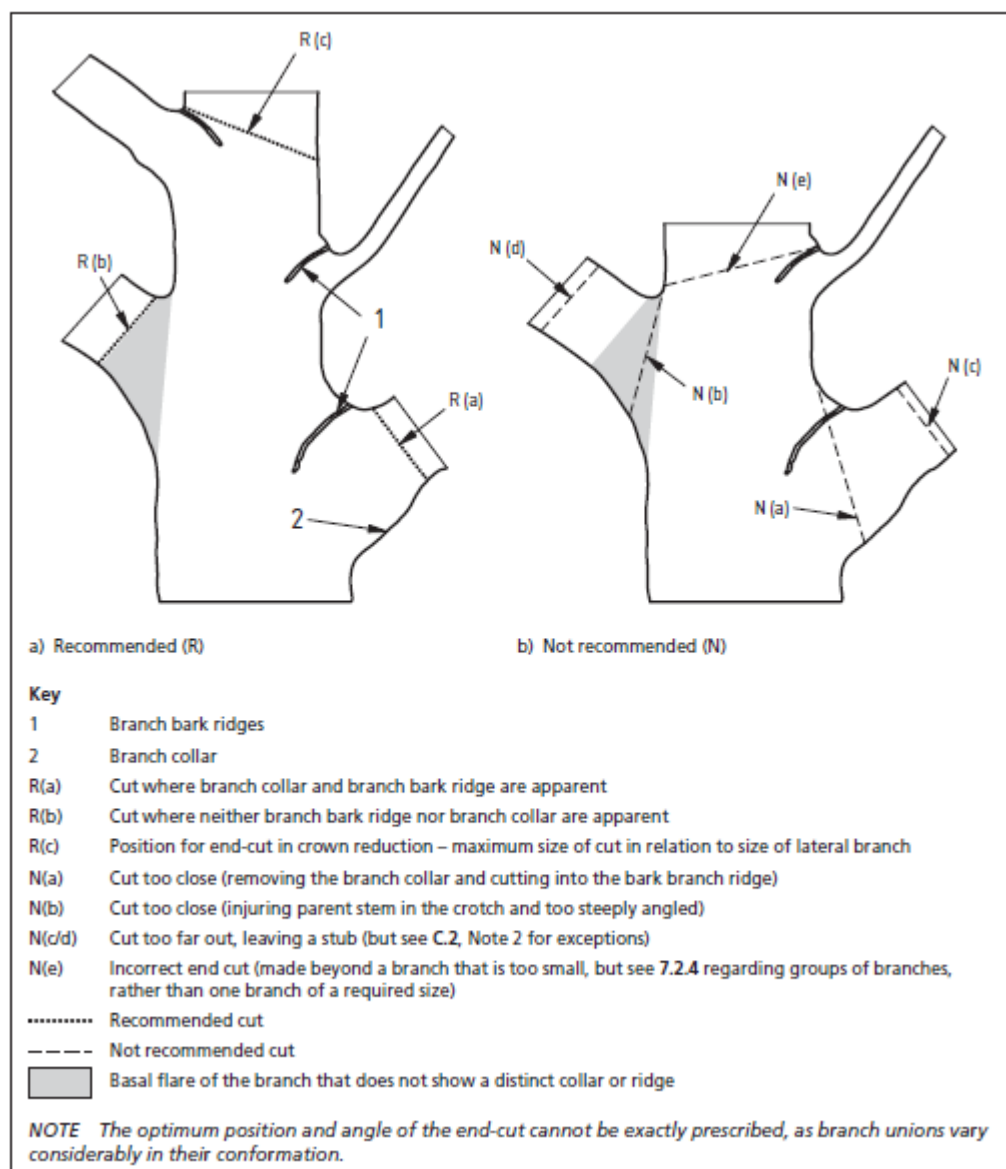
Part a) Where whole branches are to be removed and final cuts made close to the trunk or branch union they are to be made as shown in Figure 2 of BS3998:2010

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.

Reasons: In the interest of the tree's continued health and vitality and to accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice.

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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts



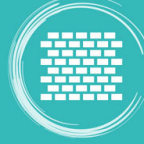
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Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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