

CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date of inspection: 5th August 2026

Case Officer: Jonny Cooper
Reference: BN/78/26/T
Location: 3 Empress Gardens, Barnham, PO22 0FS
Proposal: Prune height to 13m and spread to 10m to 1no. oak tree.
Reason: None given

Comments on Application:

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

The tree is located beyond the rear garden boundary fenceline, obscuring view of the main stem. From a northeasterly approach and applicant's rear garden, it appears to be in good health and stable.

A relatively young tree with very high growth potential, it is worthy of the order made in 2021, however, subsequent development under planning application ref. BN/58/23/PL has effectively curtailed its landscape potential, as uncontrolled growth will incur an unacceptable level of nuisance for adjacent properties.

The extent of pruning under consideration is proportionate and will establish a framework for future repeat operations to respect.

Conclusions:

The proposed work can be justified on arboricultural grounds. It will 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.

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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Environment and Climate Change

Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

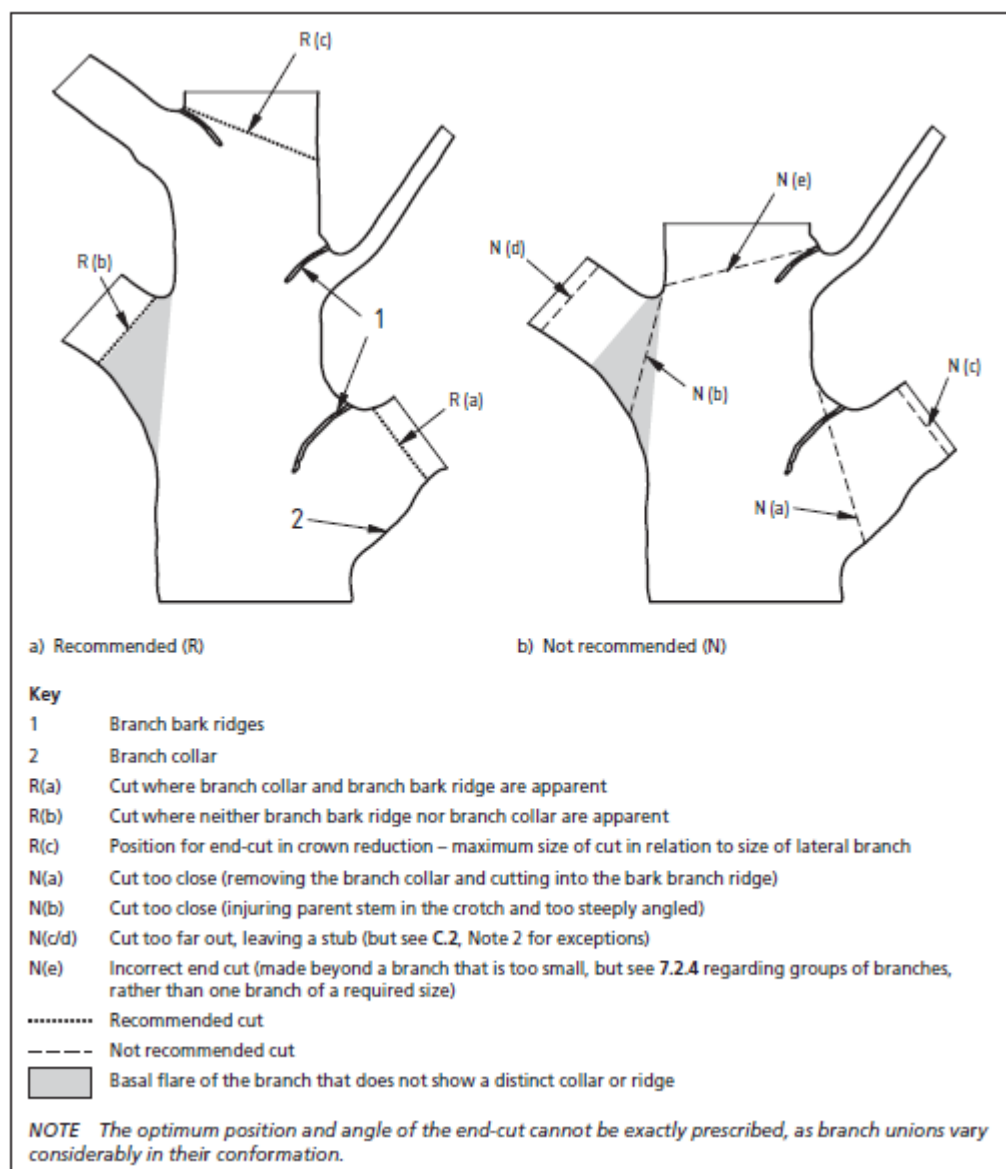
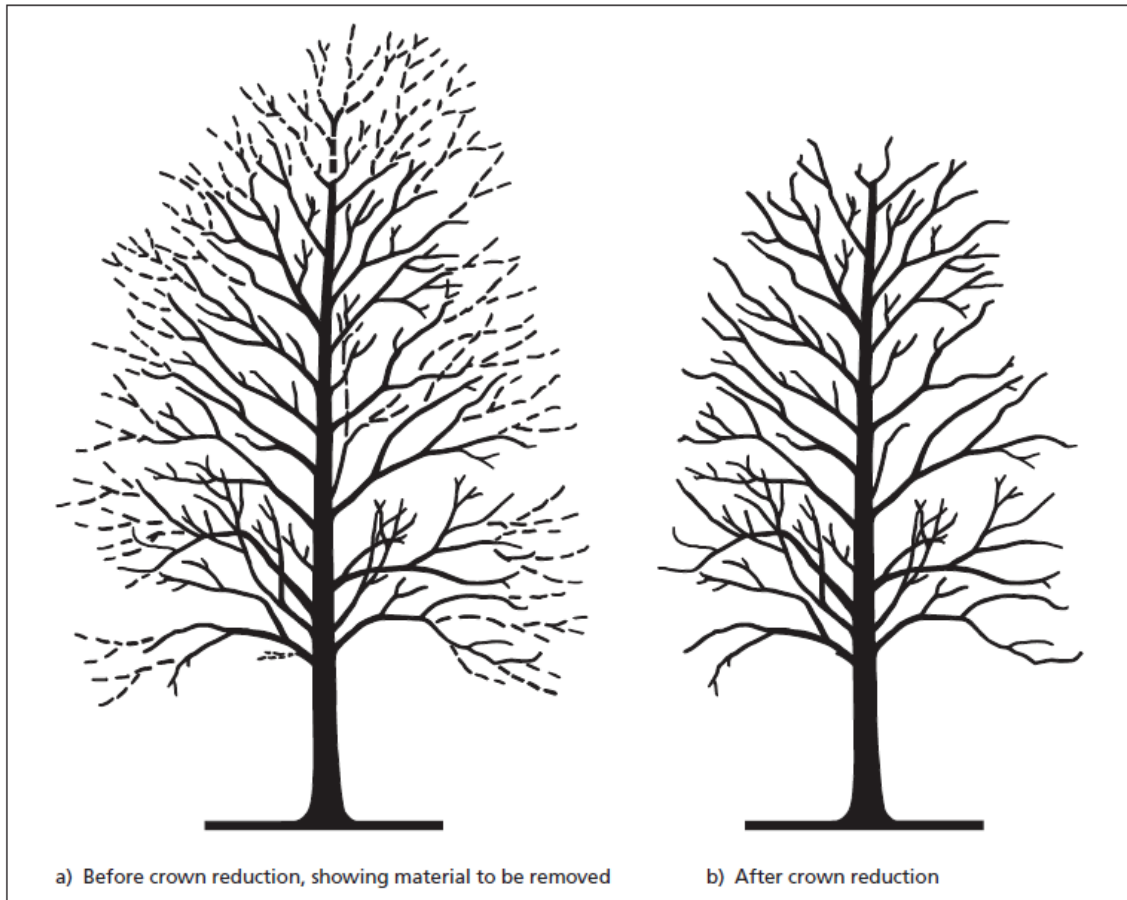
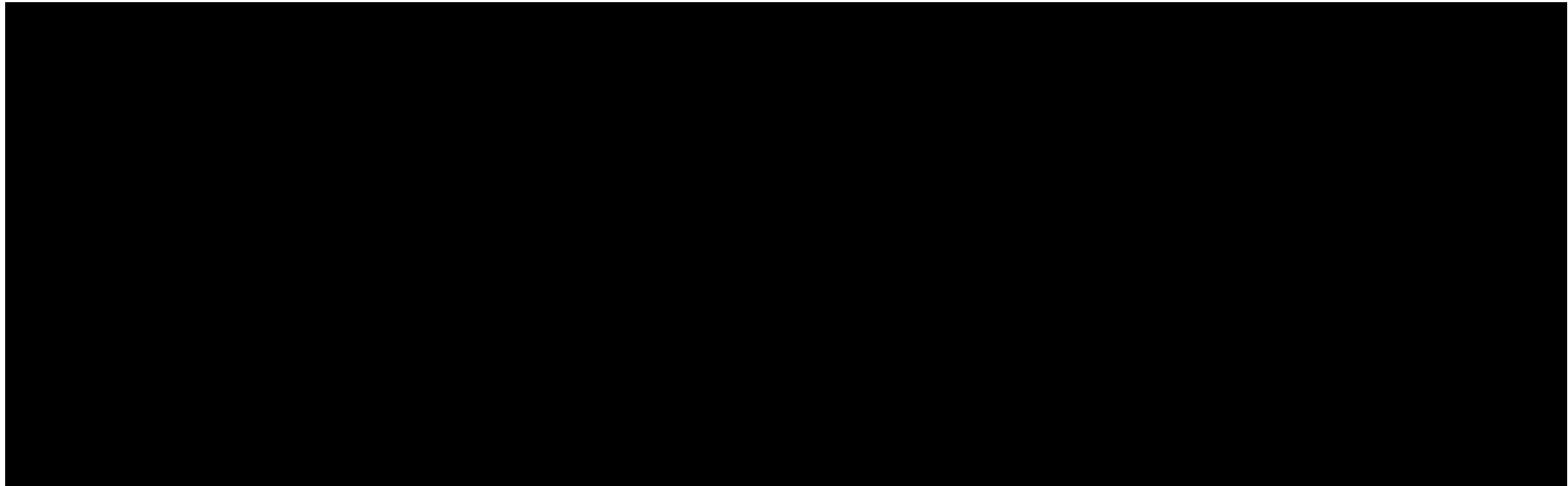


Figure 4 Diagrammatic illustration of crown reduction

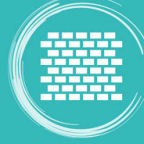




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Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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