CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date inspected: 5th March 2024

Case Officer: Hebe Smith

Reference: BR/18/24/T

Location: 97 Nyewood Lane, Bognor Regis, PO21 2TY

Proposal: Reduce back to previous knuckles 1no. holm oak tree (T1) which is a reduction by 3-4m over the complete canopy leaving the height of 12m in height & 8m in width.

Reason: Continuation of cyclical pruning regime.

Comments on Application:

T1 Holm oak / *Quercus ilex* Height: 10-15m Radial spread: 5-10m Age class: Mature

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Outwardly and from roadside T1 appears to be of good health. It has been the subject of successive whole crown reduction works, such that it has developed a compact form with dense growth throughout.

It dominates the outlook from neighbouring dwellings and is prominent in the street scene.

This latest proposal seeks the repeat of an operation previously granted consent by the local planning authority. There should be no long-term detriment to tree health and amenity if the work is undertaken to a high standard and at an appropriate time of year.

Conclusions:

Repeat operations will be necessary throughout the lifespan of this tree to achieve a degree of structural integrity appropriate for its location.

There is sufficient extension of new growth since the last operation was undertaken and so the proposal 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.

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***

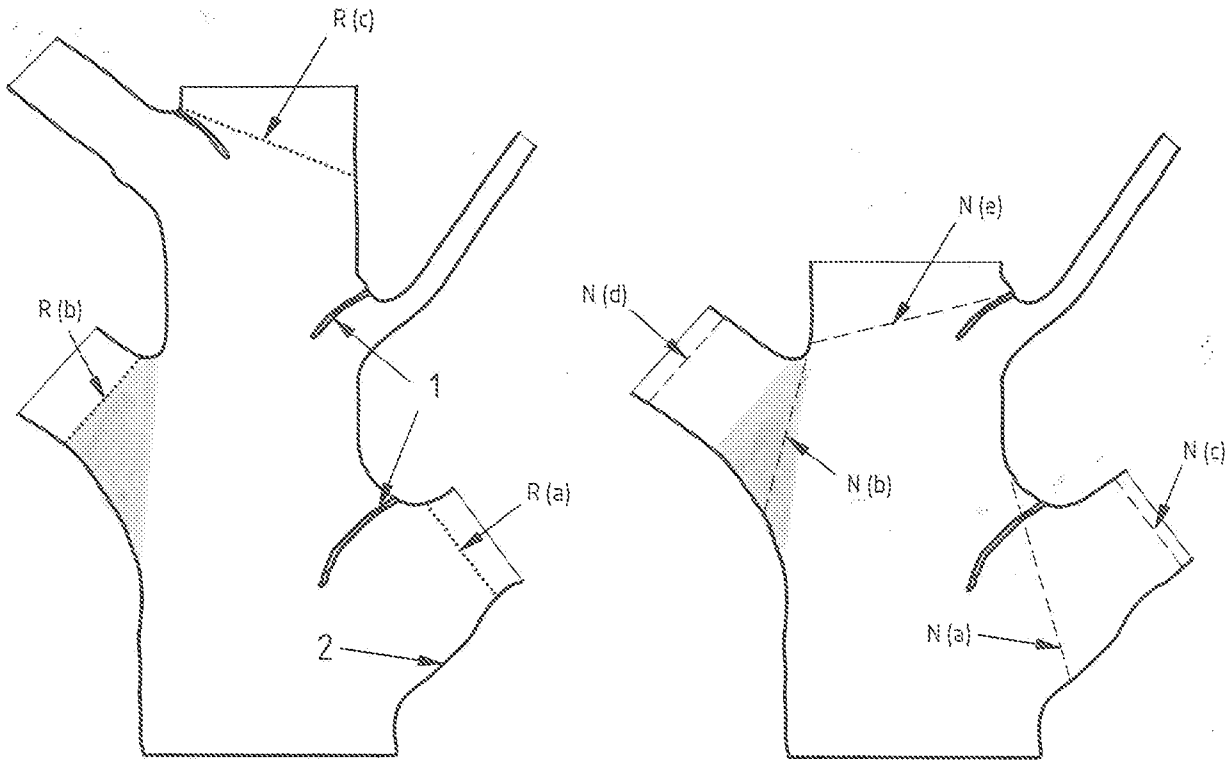
Informative:

Although they may respond with vigour, holm oak has a poor tolerance of hard pruning and long-term vitality can be severely affected. The optimum time for pruning a holm oak is mid to late winter.

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Figure 2 **Positions of final cuts**



a) Recommended (R) b) Not recommended (N)

Key

1	Branch bark ridges
2	Branch collar
R(a)	Cut where branch collar and branch bark ridge are apparent
R(b)	Cut where neither branch bark ridge nor branch collar are apparent
R(c)	Position for end-cut in crown reduction – maximum size of cut in relation to size of lateral branch
N(a)	Cut too close (removing the branch collar and cutting into the bark branch ridge)
N(b)	Cut too close (injuring parent stem in the crotch and too steeply angled)
N(c/d)	Cut too far out, leaving a stub (but see C.2, Note 2 for exceptions)
N(e)	Incorrect end cut (made beyond a branch that is too small, but see 7.2.4 regarding groups of branches, rather than one branch of a required size)
·····	Recommended cut
– – – –	Not recommended cut
▒	Basal flare of the branch that does not show a distinct collar or ridge

NOTE The optimum position and angle of the end-cut cannot be exactly prescribed, as branch unions vary considerably in their conformation.

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Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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