

Planning Officer: Miss Z Toppin

Planning Application Ref: BR/192/20/T

Location: Various locations on Servite Close, Bognor Regis

Description of works: Various works to various trees

Reasons given: Health and safety. To maintain access and adequate distance from building.

Comments on Application:

- The applicant has employed Sylvanarb Arboricultural Consultants as agent, to prepare and submit a tree condition survey and plan. This is comprehensive and includes a detailed work specification with satisfactory reasons given for individual items where required.
- There are many trees included in this proposal. The above documents were simultaneously considered during my site assessment. The information contained therein appears accurate and I concur with the findings.
- There is one Tree Preservation Order affecting this site (Bognor No.18), made in 1973. Having considered the submitted scheme of proposed tree work with reference to the above Order's schedule, I am satisfied that only the following items are likely to have been established at that time and therefore require the Local Planning Authority's consent:
 - Ash T1314, T1315, T1318, T1319, Holm oak T1329.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds. These are high profile trees of significant public and visual amenity and are to be carefully pruned to manage developing hazards and with respect for natural tree form.
- Where substantial reduction of crown volume is proposed; if the work is undertaken to a high standard and at the right time then those trees should be able to remain long-term visually interesting features in the local landscape.

Recommendation:

- I recommend **CONSENT** for this application, subject to the following condition:

Condition to Be Applied to Approved Work: -

- 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
- 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.
- The removal of crown material which has developed since the last operation must be done sympathetically and with respect to established 'knuckles' so as not to extend beyond the point of origin.

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:

- The long-term vitality of ash trees (T1314/5/8/9) is best respected when significant pruning work such as proposed, is undertaken during the late spring to summer period (May to August). The work proposed should only be undertaken during this period.

Mark Warwick
Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team

Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

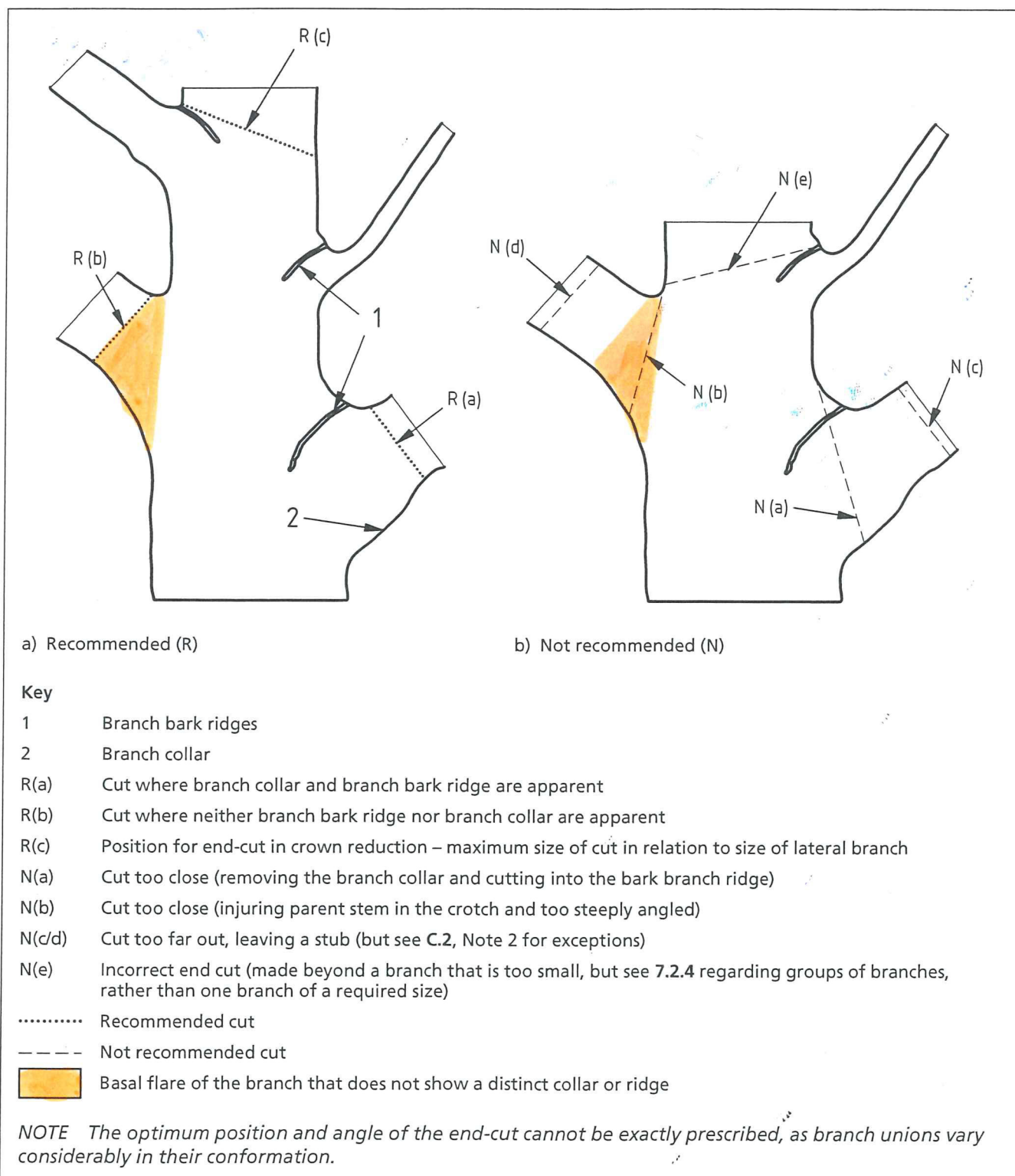


Figure 3 Crown lifting

