

**Planning Officer:** Charlotte Easton  
**Planning Application Ref:** BR/297/18/T  
**Location:** 10 Newhall Close, Bognor Regis, PO21 5RG  
**Description of works:** Crown lift 3m to 1No. common beech tree  
**Reasons Given:** To allow more light to penetrate garden area

**Comments on Application:**

**Purple-leaved beech / *Fagus sylvatica Purpurea***      Height: Approx.10m      Average spread: 5m      Age class: Early mature

- Outwardly and from a distance it appears to be in a fine physiological state with a relatively unmodified and attractive crown profile. It grows at the rear of the property and is a dominant feature within the garden, growing to within 2metres of the dwelling.
- Although discreetly located when viewed from neighbouring dwellings it presents an attractive roadside aspect from West Meads Drive.
- The application has sought professional guidance from the Arboricultural Association which informs and subsequently supercedes the original work specification. What is now being sought would involve the selective removal/thinning of lower branches from a congested area of the crown, to achieve no more than 3metres overhead clearance above the garden. It is assumed not to involve the removal of branches on all aspects, so the visual interest currently enjoyed from the south aspect will be retained.

**Conclusions:**

- The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds as it seeks to maintain reasonable enjoyment of the garden with respect to natural tree form.
- There will be no significant loss of public amenity on completion of the proposed works.

**Recommendations:**

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

**Conditions 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.

**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.*

Mark Warwick

Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team

Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

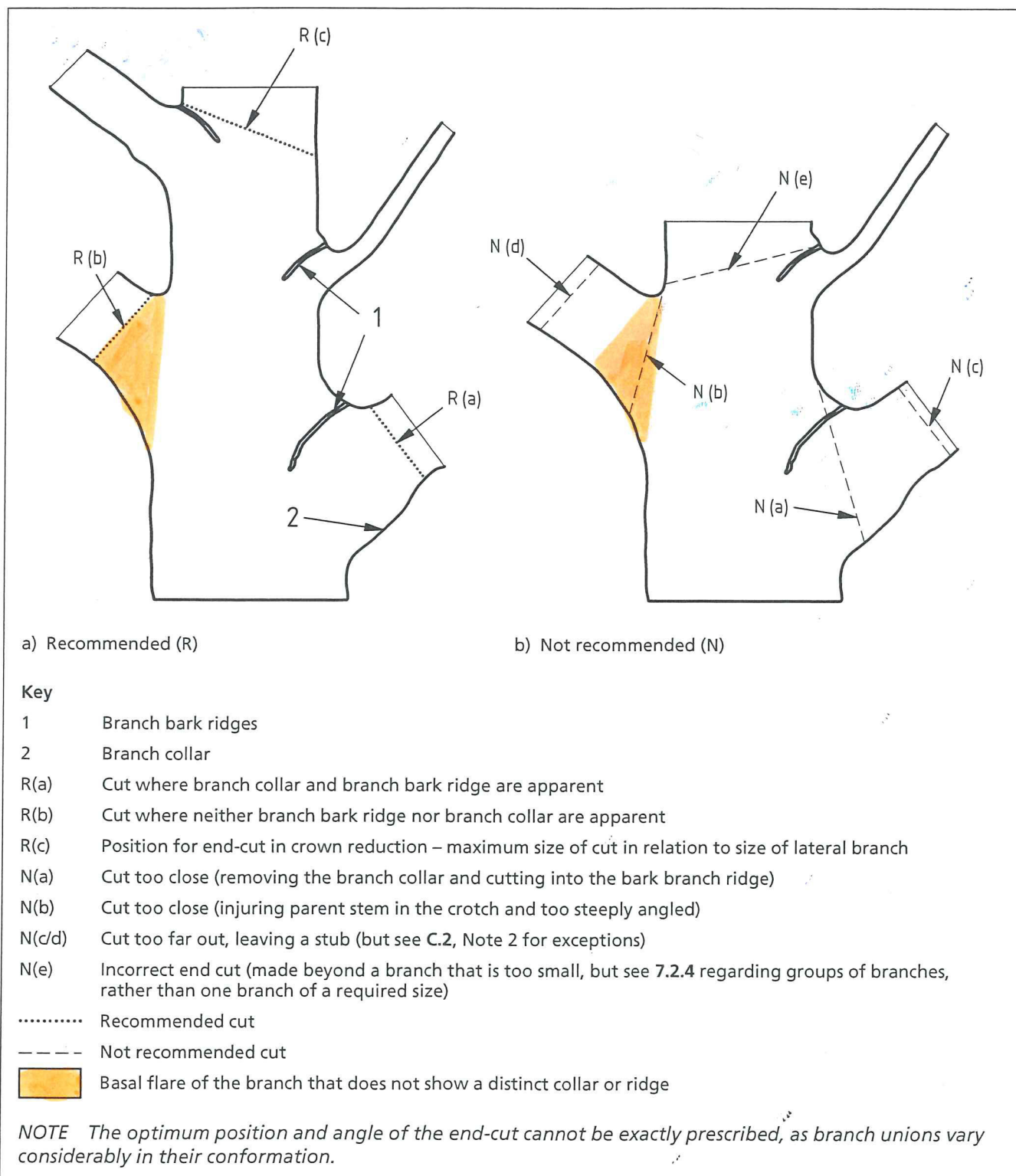


Figure 3 Crown lifting

