

Planning Officer : Susan Leeson

Planning Application Ref: BR/323/13/T

Location : Nyewood C of E junior School, Brent Road, Bognor Regis

Description of works:

T15 – Whitebeam *Sorbus aria* - crown lift by 2.5m to all aspects and then 4m over No 1 Newhalls Close

N.B. – this is actually Tree 15 not Tree 14 as described in their application!!!

T33 – Elderberry *Sambucus nigra* - fell dying tree

Reasons Given: T15 – to abate overhang nuisance to neighbour

T33 – for safety reasons

Recommendation:

NO Objection	Part X	Comment	X	Dead & Dangerous	X
Object	Part X	Recommendation	X	Abate a Nuisance	X
Conditions Suggested	X	CA & Amenity Value		Tree Replacement required	

Comments On Application:

General Observation – The reasoning behind the works is sound but the extent of pruning to T15 is excessive and not justified

T15 – Whitebeam Height – 8m : Avge Spread – 4m : Age – Mature

- This is a good and healthy specimen tree that is highly visible and prominent in the landscape.
- To crown lift to 2.5m in a balanced manner is acceptable provided that only small diameter branches up to a maximum diameter of 50mm are removed.
- To then lift on one side only to 4m height is excessive and not justified and would have a detrimental impact on this trees visual amenity value.

T33 – Elderberry Height – 8m : Avge Spread – 5m : Age – Mature

- At least half of this tree is dead with peeling bark evident
- Dead branches lie on the ground beneath the crown and this tree undoubtedly represents a safety risk to users of the adjacent garden areas and playing fields
- Agree to its removal and there is ample room to accommodate a replacement tree.

CONCLUSIONS:

T15 – Whitebeam

Approve of : the crown lifting of this tree to achieve a 2.5m ground clearance with only small diameter branches up to a maximum diameter of 50mm to be removed.

Object to : the crown lifting over the garden of No 1 Newhall Close by 4m – **recommend refusal** of this work.

T33 – Elderberry

Approve of : the felling and stump grinding of this tree subject to a replacement tree being planted nearby to be a Selected Standard Nursery Stock sized tree of one of the following species:-

Manna Ash *Fraxinus ornus* or **Field Maple** *Acer campestre* or **Japanese Crab** *Malus floribunda*

Condition To Be Applied to All Approved Works: -

Where whole branches are to be removed final cuts close to the trunk or branch union are to be made as shown in Figure 2 of BS3998:2010 and all shortened branches are to be cut at the correct angle (see also 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.



Consultant Arboriculturist

Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

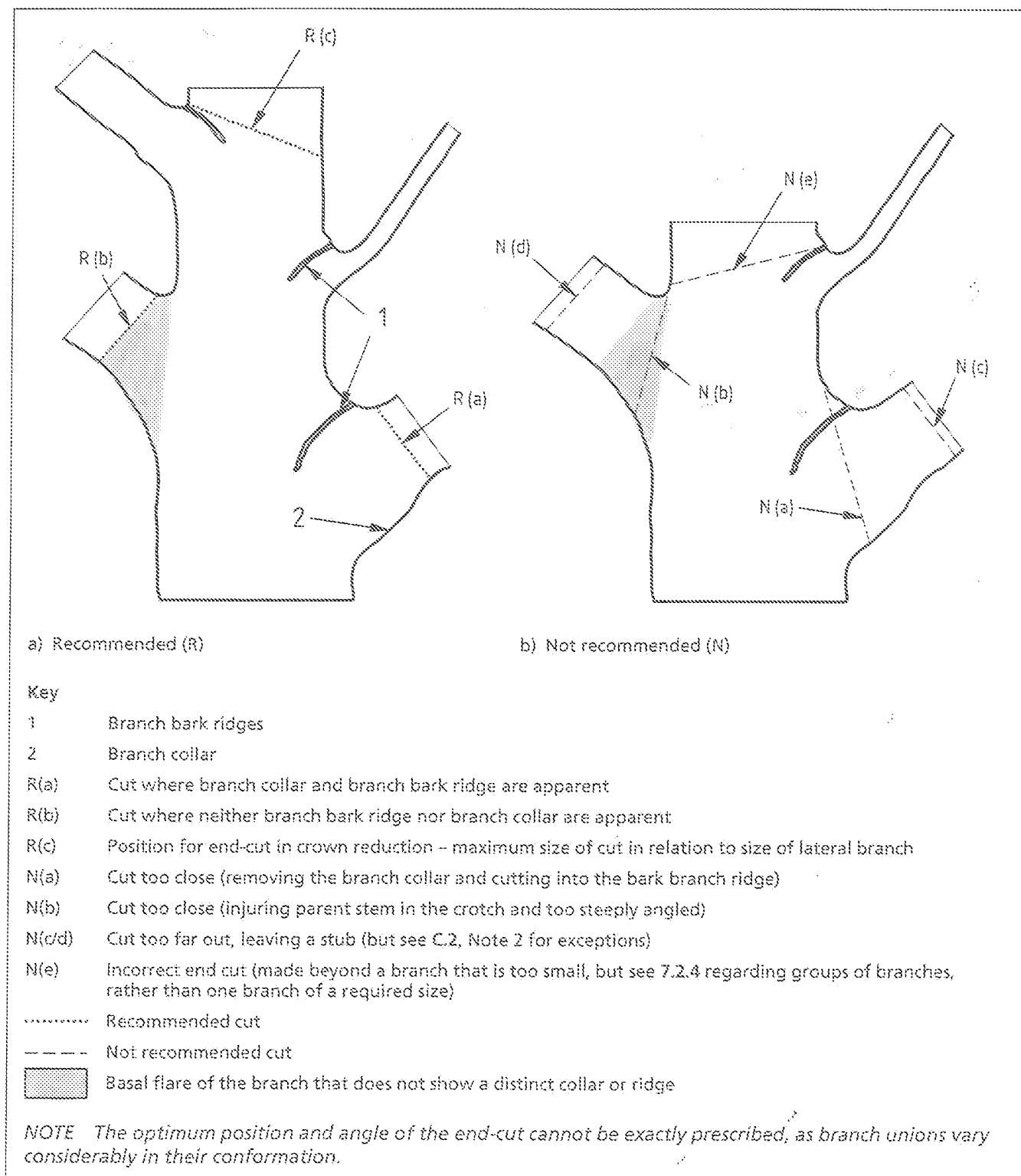


Figure 3 Crown lifting

