

CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date of report: 2nd April 2026

Case Officer: Jonny Cooper

Reference: EP/15/26/T

Location: Seacroft Apartments, 17 Sea Lane, East Preston, BN16 1NH

Proposal: Crown lift to 2no. beech (T1 & T2) to 3m from ground level over lawn and 6m from ground over road

Reasons: To assist with grounds maintenance and discharge duty of care to highway users

Comments on Application:

2x beech / *Fagus sylvatica* Height: 10-15m Radial spread: 5-10m Age class: Mature

I have considered this application by means of a desktop review, using the information submitted as well as online resources. Previous consideration from site and familiarity with the surrounding area provide further insight to the proposal.

Both trees display a different pruning history although clearly are companions offering mutual support. The shared crown profile ought to be attractive when in leaf and they are visually significant at such a prominent and elevated position.

Conclusions:

This latest proposal in part seeks the repeat of an operation previously granted consent by the local planning authority. The work is necessary and there should be no detriment to tree health and amenity if undertaken to a high standard.

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 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

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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

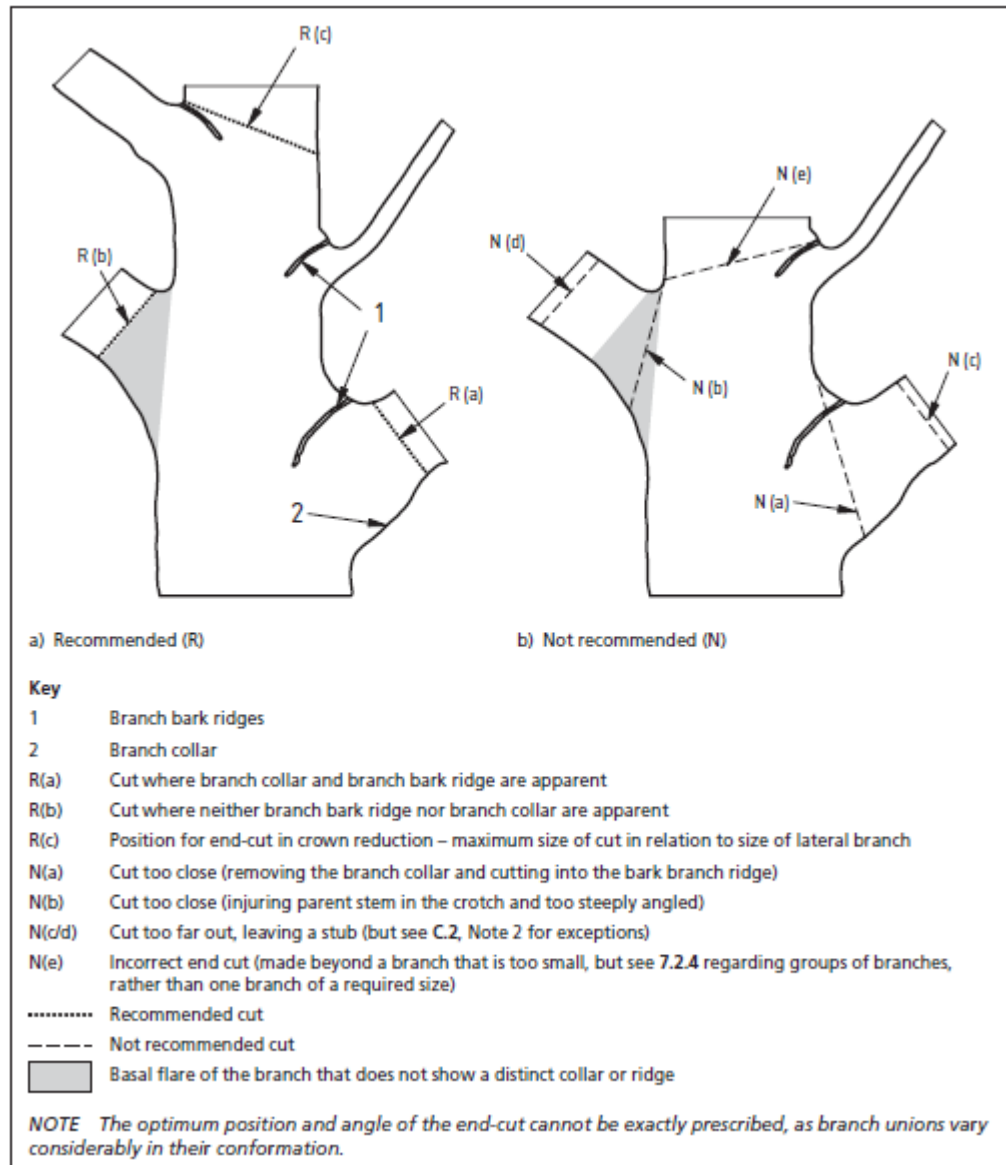
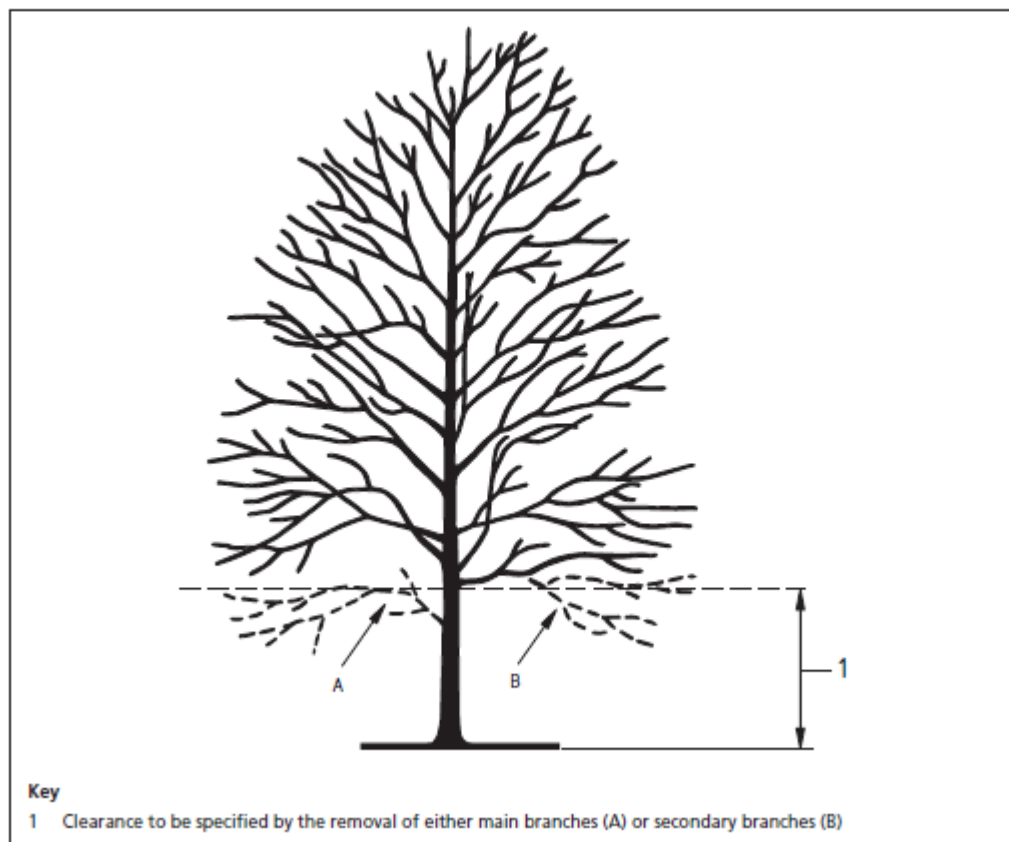


Figure 3 Crown lifting





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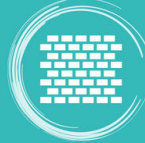
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Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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