

Planning Officer: Miss Z Toppin

Planning Application Ref: FG/169/20/T

Location: 41 Ferringham Lane, Ferring, BN12 5NB

Description of works: Reduction of branch to North face of ilex oak (T1) to 3m and raise crown to 4m above ground level. Removal of dead wood

Reasons given: To improve shape and clear from adjacent tree

Comments on Application:

Holm oak / *Quercus ilex* Height: 15-20m Radial spread: 5-10m Age class: Mature

- Outwardly this tree appears to be in a fair physiological state with an attractive crown profile. It is prominent at the front of the property and so highly visible from numerous properties and to users of the highway.
- Lowest branches are approximately 3metres above ground, so the removal/reduction of small diameter low branches to achieve maximum 4metres clearance will have little visual impact on the tree. Reduction of a single branch from mid-height on the north aspect to minimum 3metres length will similarly have little impact if undertaken to a high standard. Both operations are within acceptable tolerances required by British Standard (BS3998:2010) Tree work – Recommendations.
- The removal of dead branches is an exception and does not require consent from the local planning authority.

Conclusion:

- Although the work proposed has not been justified on arboricultural grounds, it will have only a slight and temporary visual impact with no harm occurring to the tree's ongoing health and vitality – if undertaken to a high standard.

Recommendation:

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

Condition to Be Applied to Approved Work: -

- 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 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

Mark Warwick
Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team

Figure 3 Crown lifting

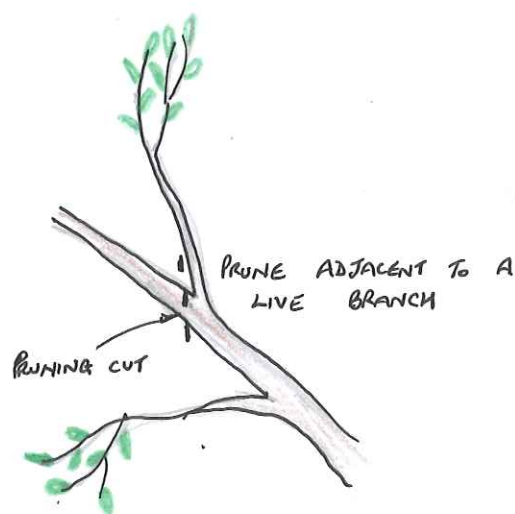
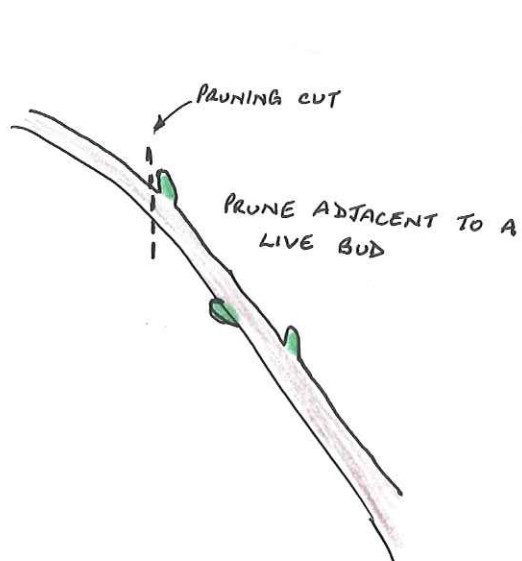
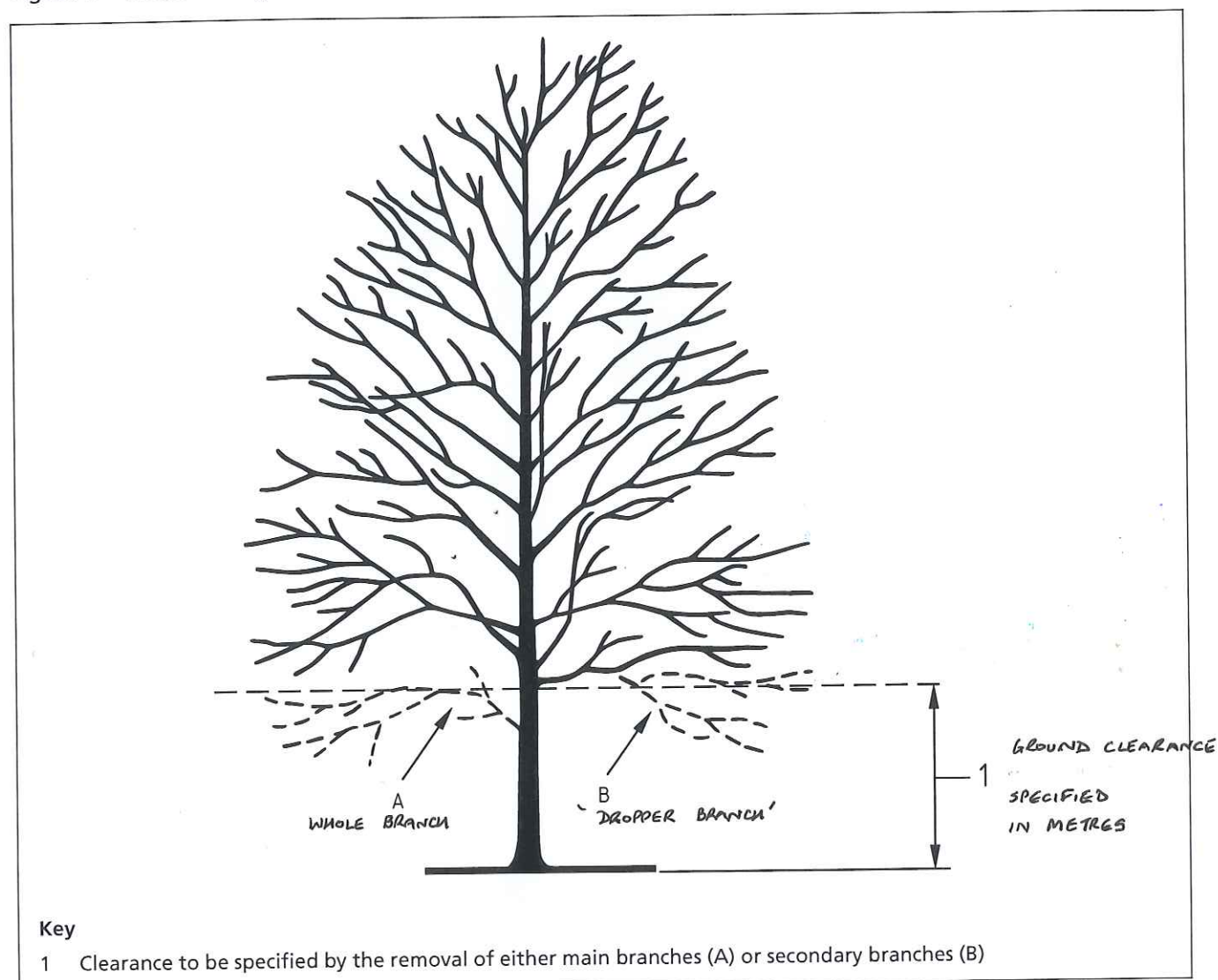


Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

