

CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date of inspection: 22nd April 2026

Case Officer: Jonny Cooper

Reference: FG/17/26/T

Location: Oaklawn, Greystoke Road, Ferring, BN12 5JL

Proposal: Fell 1no. *illex* oak (T1) and crown reduction on 1no. *illex* oak (T2) to leave a height and spread of 6m.

Reasons: Risk management. Continuation of cyclical pruning regime.

Comments on Application:

2x Holm oak / <i>Quercus ilex</i>	Height: 10-15m	Radial spread: 0-5m	Age class: Mature
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These trees have grown together and share a crown profile. T1 is the dominant partner, T2 possessing a more suppressed limb and branch framework. Together they have been managed in a cycle of whole crown reduction pruning at approximately five-year frequency, last undertaken c2021.

They grow at the front of the property and can be clearly seen from numerous residential dwellings and to highway users. As such, they have public amenity value.

A close inspection of T1 reveals large open cavities from ground level into the upper main stem, greatly reducing structural integrity, to the extent even further pollarding work would not satisfactorily mitigate the risk of stem failure.

Conclusions:

T1 - The proposed work has been justified on arboricultural grounds. Its removal will leave T2 exposed, revealing a strongly asymmetric crown profile. Whilst T2 remains there is no requirement or scope for a suitable replacement.

T2 - There is sufficient extension of new growth since the last operation was undertaken and so the proposal is justified on arboricultural grounds. While a temporary loss of aesthetic value is inevitable, satisfactory canopy renewal and recovery should occur if the work is undertaken to a high standard and at an appropriate time of year.

Recommendation:

We grant consent for this application subject to the following condition:

Condition 1 – applies to T2 only

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.

Part c) Where crown reduction work has occurred previously, the removal of subsequent growth (shoots and branches) and position of final cuts must ensure retention of all established knuckles.

Reasons: In the interest 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

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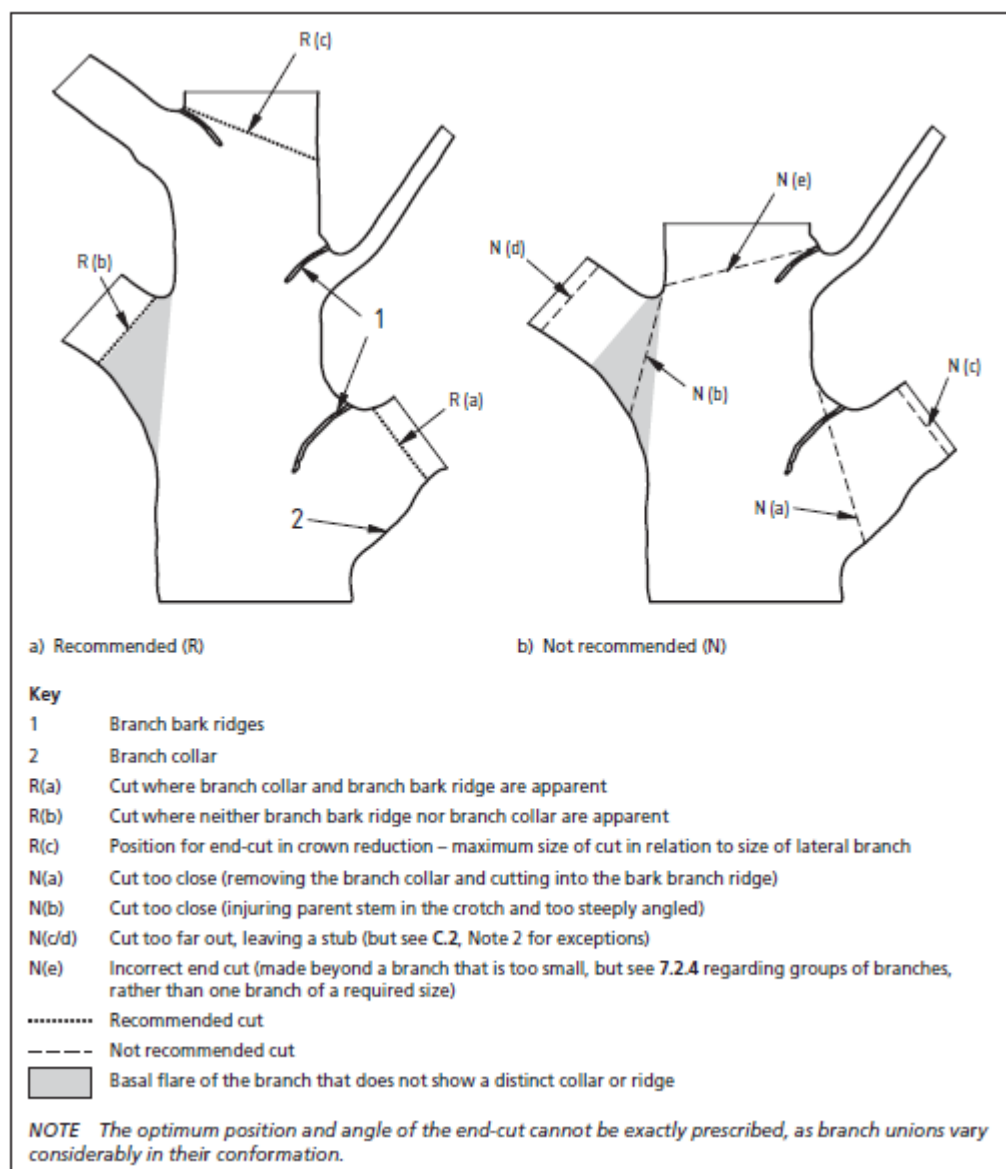
Although holm oak may respond with vigour to hard pruning, they have a poor tolerance of such work. The optimum time to prune is during mid to late winter.

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Tree Officer

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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts



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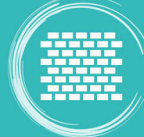
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Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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