

CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date of report: 15th May 2026

Case Officer: Jonny Cooper

Reference: FG/28/26/T

Location: Lincoln Cottage, 33 Ocean Drive, Ferring, BN12 5QP

Proposal: Crown reduction to 3no. sweet chestnuts (G1) to leave a height and spread of 14m.

Reason: General maintenance

Comments on Application:

G1 3x sweet chestnut / *Castanea sativa* Height: 10-15m Radial spread: 5-10m Age class: Early 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 surrounding area provide further insight to the proposal.

This group of trees have been the subject of whole crown reduction pruning historically and this latest proposal will not exceed that undertaken previously. The removal of approximately 1.5m from height and all aspects is uncontroversial and will ensure some canopy persists after operations.

Conclusions:

The proposed work has been justified on arboricultural grounds.

There should be no long-term detriment to tree health and amenity 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

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.

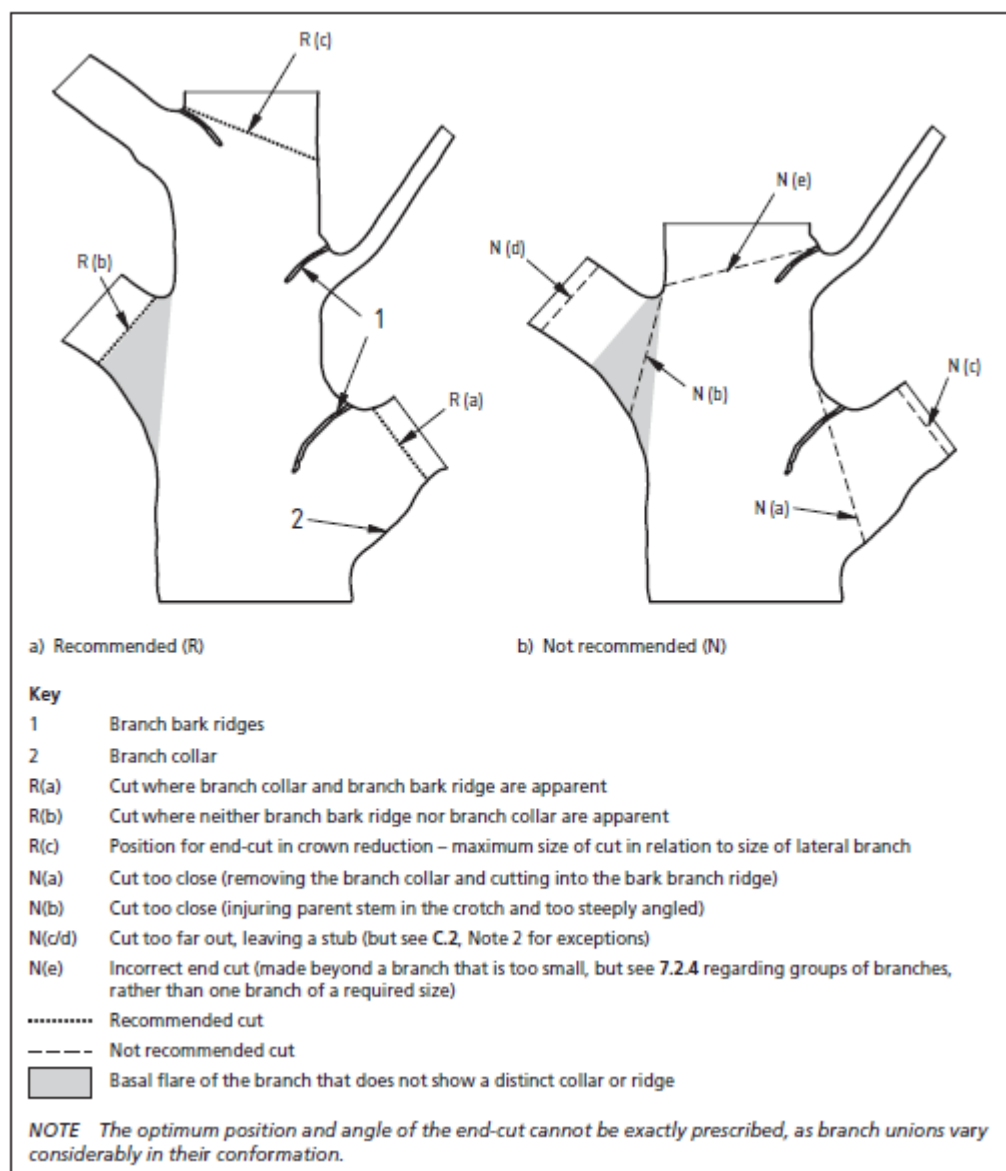
- See also the standard pruning guidance notes issued with the consent letter

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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts





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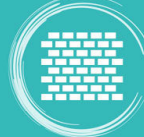
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Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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