

Planning Officer: Mr F Gardner

Planning Application Ref: FG/37/19/T

Location: Elford House, 11 Ferring Lane, Ferring, BN12 6QU

Description of works: Crown reduction of maximum 6m to 1no. *Eucalyptus* tree, reduction of northwest canopy up to 2m to 1no. cedar tree, and reduce west/north side of 1no. *macrocarpa* and 1no. oak tree by up to 3m

Reasons Given: Encroachment low over garden and towards building

Comments on Application:

Note: Tree numbers below (eg.T1) are for the sole purpose of interpreting this application (an incomplete set of tree reference numbers were provided) and have no relationship (intended or otherwise) with those referred to elsewhere, such as may be recorded on the original Tree Preservation Order.

T1 Turkey oak / <i>Quercus cerris</i>	Approx. height: 14m	Average spread: 5m	Age class: Semi mature
T2 Monterey cypress / <i>Acer pseudoplatanus</i>	Approx. height: 11m	Average spread: 4m	Age class: Early mature
T3 Himalayan cedar / <i>Cedrus deodara</i>	Approx. height: 18m	Average spread: 6m	Age class: Mature
T4 Eucalyptus / <i>Eucalyptus</i> sp.	Approx. height: 16m	Average spread: 4m	Age class: Early mature

- T1 - A young, vigorous tree with high growth potential. Appears to be in a fine physiological state although of asymmetric form having grown so close to neighbouring cypress (T2). Visible from neighbouring properties but only in part from the public highway (footway and carriageway). Beginning to overbear at low levels on applicant's dwelling and neighbouring garden.
- T2 - A more established tree than its companion (T1) and presenting a more balanced crown profile. Appears to be in a fair physiological and structural state. Visible from surrounding properties and the public highway (footway and carriageway).
- T3 - A tree of some landscape value tree virtue of its close association with companion cedar immediately to the south in adjoining property. It is subordinate and with strongly asymmetric form presents its best aspect to the applicant's dwelling.
- T4 - A tall, healthy and impressive example of its type, although unfortunately multi-stemmed from near ground level and therefore unrestrained growth is unlikely to be tolerated at this location. Visible from neighbouring properties but only in with difficulty from the public highway (footway and carriageway).

Conclusions:

- If the work is undertaken to a good standard and at the right time; then it is unlikely to have an adverse effect on the tree's long-term vitality and visual amenity.
- There will be no significant loss of public amenity on completion of the proposed works.

Recommendations:

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

Conditions To Be Applied to Approved Work: -

- 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

- 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.
- The long-term vitality of tree (T4) is best respected when significant pruning work such as proposed, is undertaken during the late-spring to summer period (May to August). The work proposed must only be undertaken during this period.

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

Mark Warwick
Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team

Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

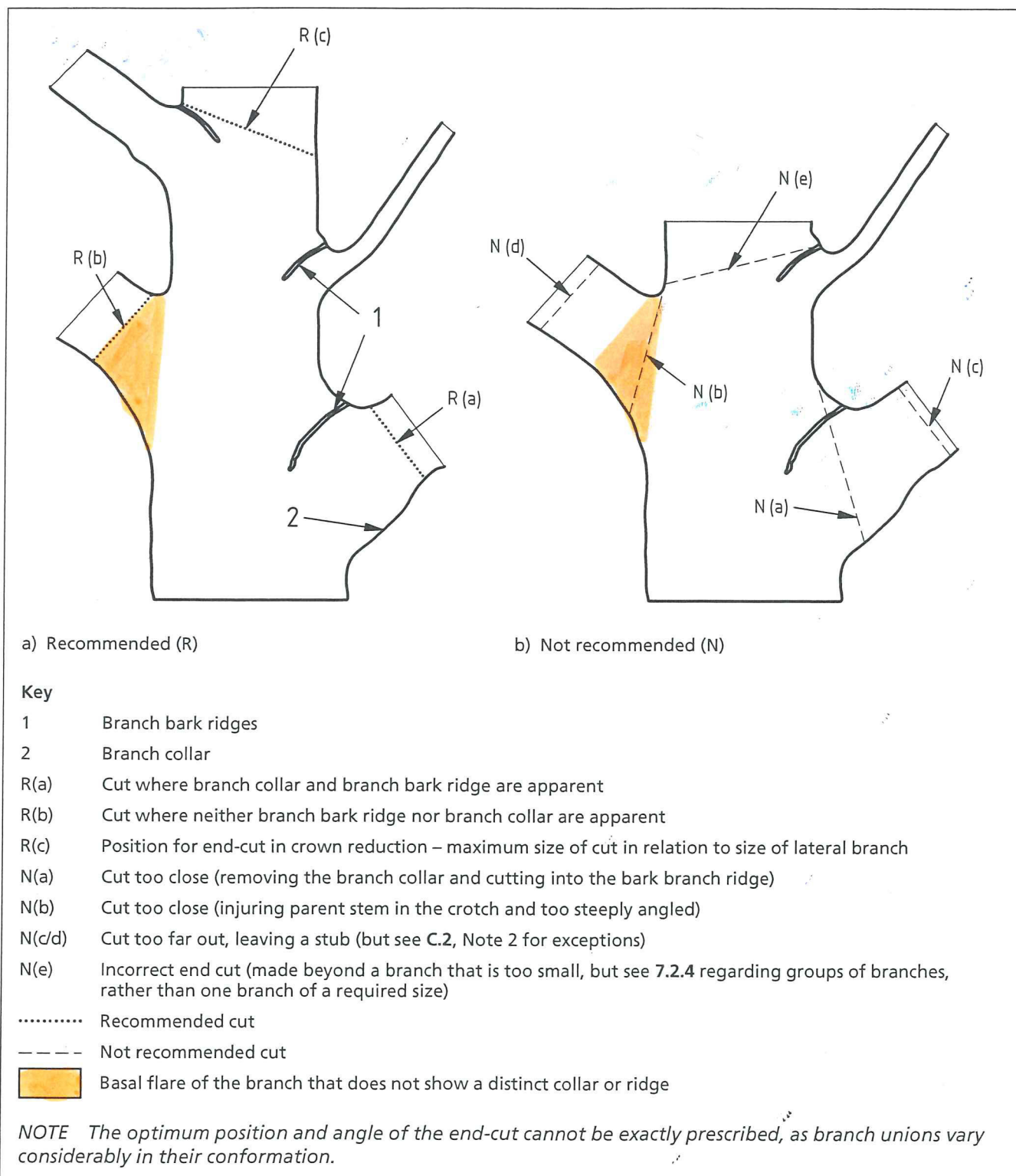


Figure 4 Diagrammatic illustration of crown reduction

