

Planning Officer: Miss Z Toppin

Planning Application Ref: FG/8/21/T

Location: 166 Littlehampton Road, Ferring, BN12 6PH

Description of works: 2no. hornbeam (T1 & T3) - Crown lift lower canopy to approximately 3m on 166 Littlehampton Rd. boundary, not exceeding diameter of 100mm. 1no. ash tree (T2) - Reduce back lateral spread on 166 Littlehampton Rd boundary, not exceeding diameter of 100mm

Reasons given: To achieve adequate clearance from outbuilding and reduce boundary overhang

Comments on Application:

T1 & T3 Hornbeam / <i>Carpinus betulus</i>	Height: 10-15m	Radial spread: 5-10m	Age class: Mature
T2 Ash / <i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>	Height: 10-15m	Radial spread: 5-10m	Age class: Mature

- Outwardly and from distance (roadside) these trees appear to be in a fine physiological state (and assumed to be so in the absence of any information/evidence provided to the contrary).
- Although they grow at the rear of the property, they can be seen from surrounding dwellings and public highway (footway and carriageway). As such, they have high amenity value.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds as it seeks to strike a balance between the trees influence and potential impact on surrounding residential property and the need to retain them with dignity by having respect for natural form.
- If the work is undertaken to a high standard there should be no long-term harm to their health and vitality.

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 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
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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

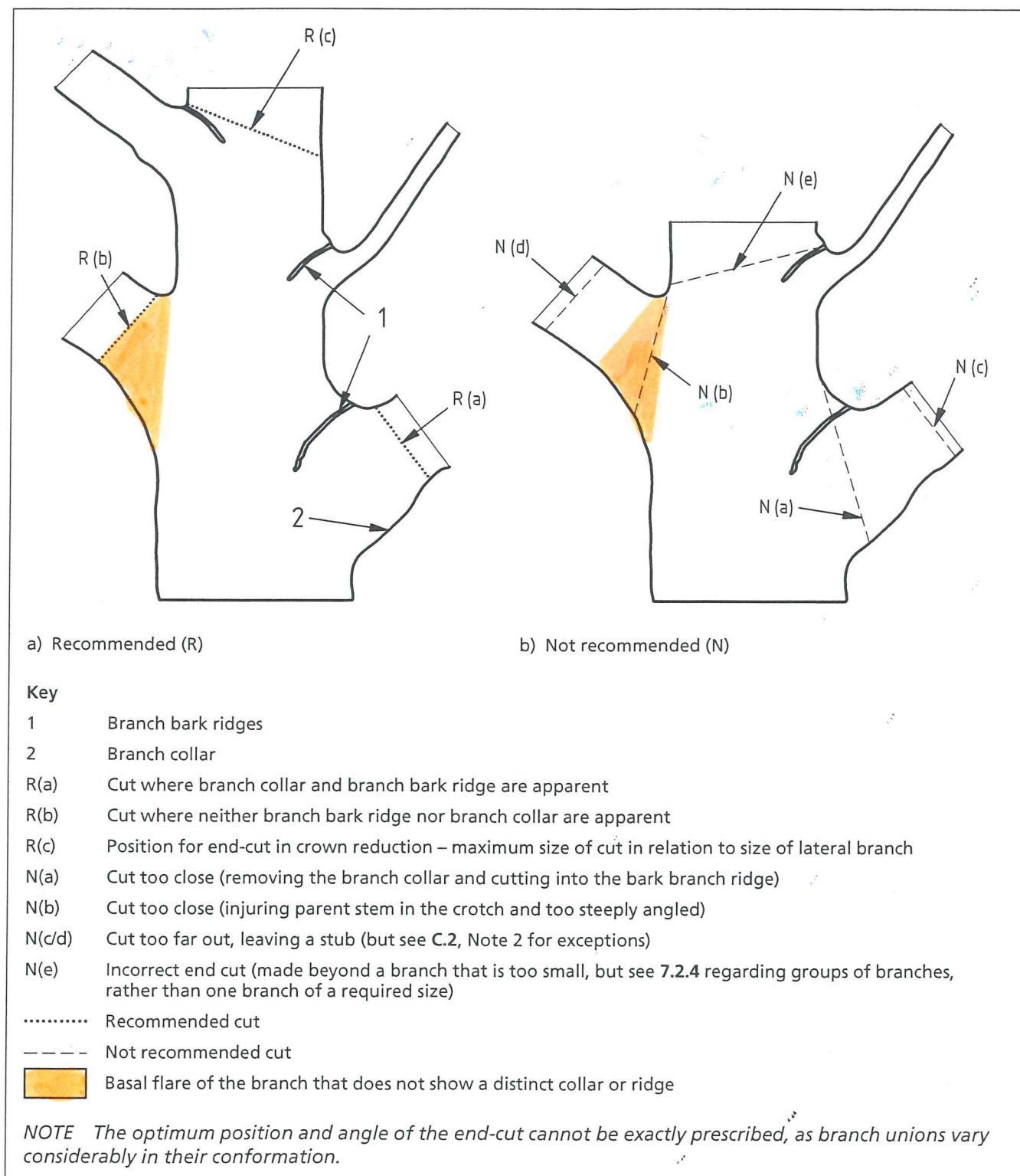


Figure 3 Crown lifting

