

CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date of report: 15th December 2025

Case Officer: Jonny Cooper

Reference: FP/152/25/T

Location: 108 Limmer Lane, Felpham, PO22 7LP

Proposal: Crown reduction to 1no. poplar tree to leave a height of 8m, northerly and southerly spread of 4m and easterly and westerly spread of 5m. Removal of diseased central limb. Crown lift to 4m from ground level.

Reason: None given

Comments on Application:

Lombardy poplar / *Populus nigra Italica* Height: 10-15m Radial spread: 5-10m Age class: Mature

I have considered this application by means of a desktop review, using the information and plans submitted as well as online resources. Previous consideration from site and familiarity with surrounding area provide further insight to the proposal.

The tree grows at the front of the property on elevated ground and is prominent. It can be seen from numerous dwellings and by users of a major estate access road. As such, it has public amenity value.

This latest proposal seeks repeat of an operation previously granted consent by the local planning authority. 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.

Conclusions:

Repeat operations will be necessary throughout the lifespan of this tree to achieve a degree of structural integrity appropriate for its location. There is sufficient extension of new growth since the last operation was undertaken and so the proposal is justified on arboricultural grounds.

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.

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***

Informative:

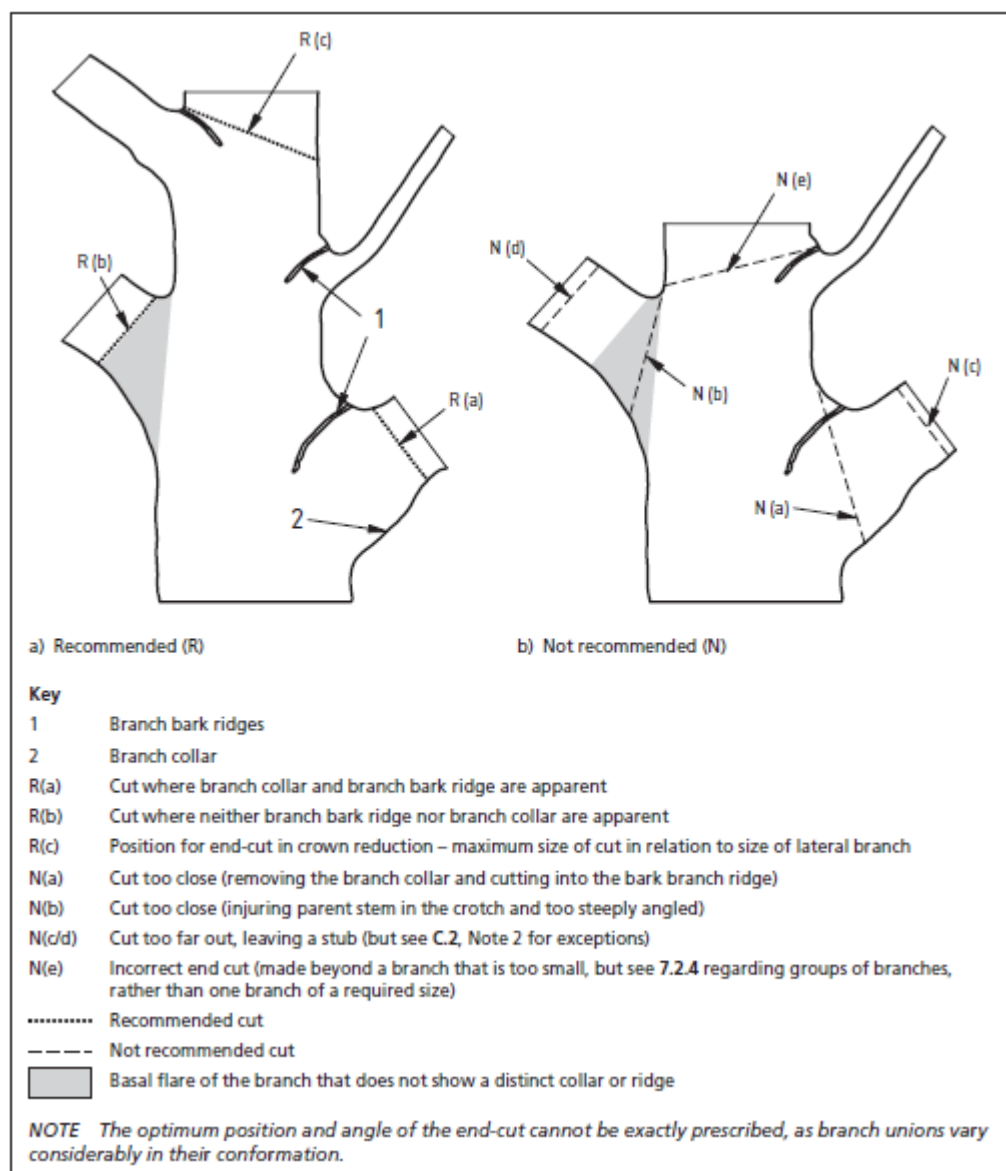
Hard pruning creates numerous and/or large wounds, incurring a physiological stress which may affect long-term health and vitality. The optimum time for pruning a poplar is midwinter as they are prone to bleeding.

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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts



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Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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