

Planning Officer: Lynnyrd Wolfe

Planning Application Ref: FP/154/19/T

Location: 33 Roundle Avenue, Felpham, PO22 8LL

Description of works: Crown lift by 4m on circumference of tree to allow 6m over road to 1no. ash tree

Reasons Given: None provided

Comments on Application:

Ash / *Fraxinus excelsior* Approx. height: 16m Average spread: 6m Age class: Mature

- This tree had been 'topped' at around 5m height but has grown-on well and presents an attractive crown profile. Outwardly and from a distance it appears to be in a fine physiological state and structurally sound.
- It grows at the front of the property and is prominent roadside, being visible from both numerous properties and to traffic across this part of the estate. As such, it has public amenity value.
- The applicant seeks to remove/reduce low branches to achieve no more than 4metres overhead clearance on all aspects; 6metres overhead clearance directly above the carriageway.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds as it seeks to strike a balance between the tree's influence and potential impact on surrounding residential property/highway users and the need to retain trees with dignity by having respect for natural tree form.
- If the work is undertaken to a good standard, then it is unlikely to have an adverse effect on the tree's long-term vitality and visual amenity.

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.

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

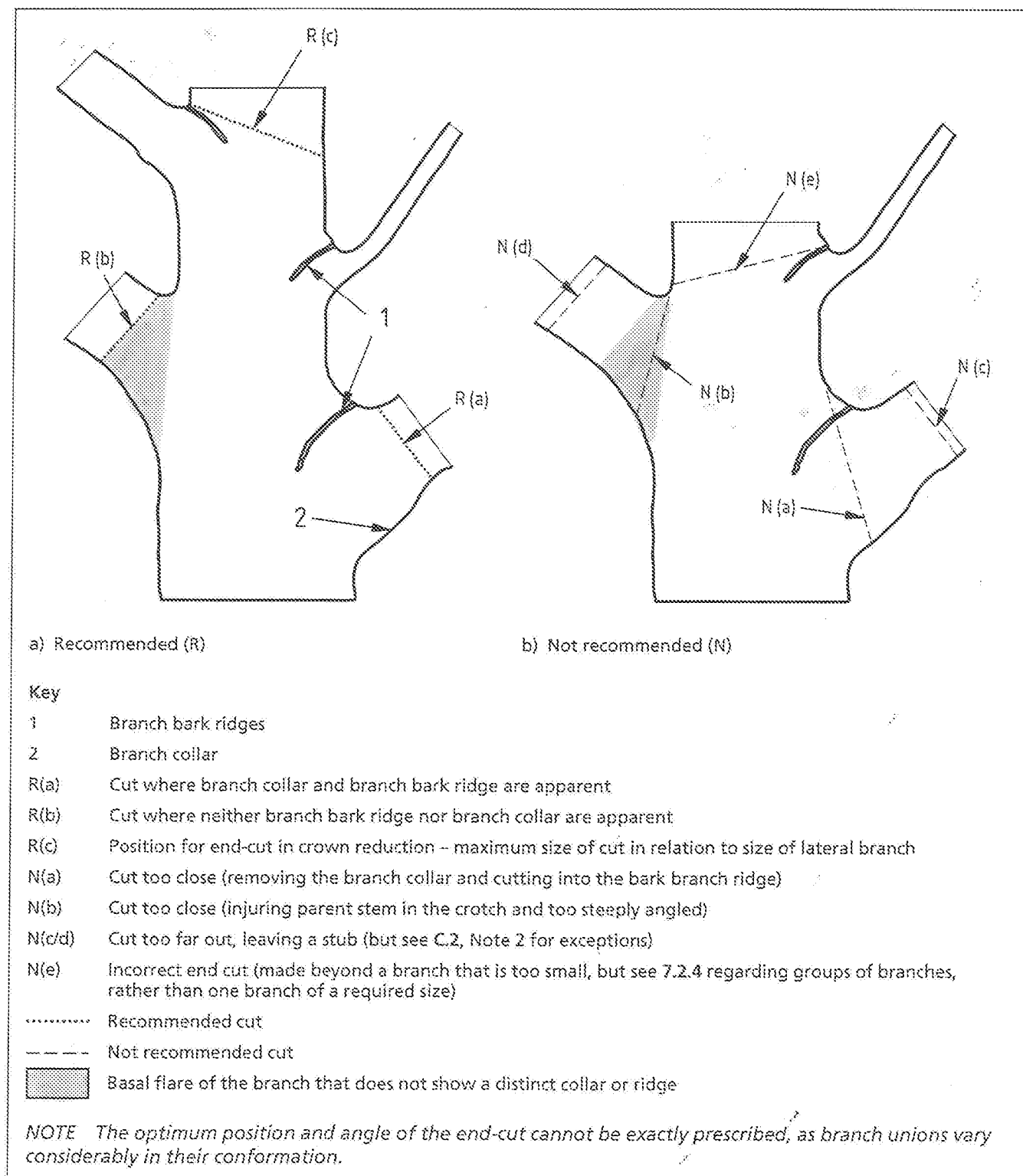


Figure 3 Crown lifting

