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Charlotte

Please find attached my comments/observations for your consideration.

Regards,

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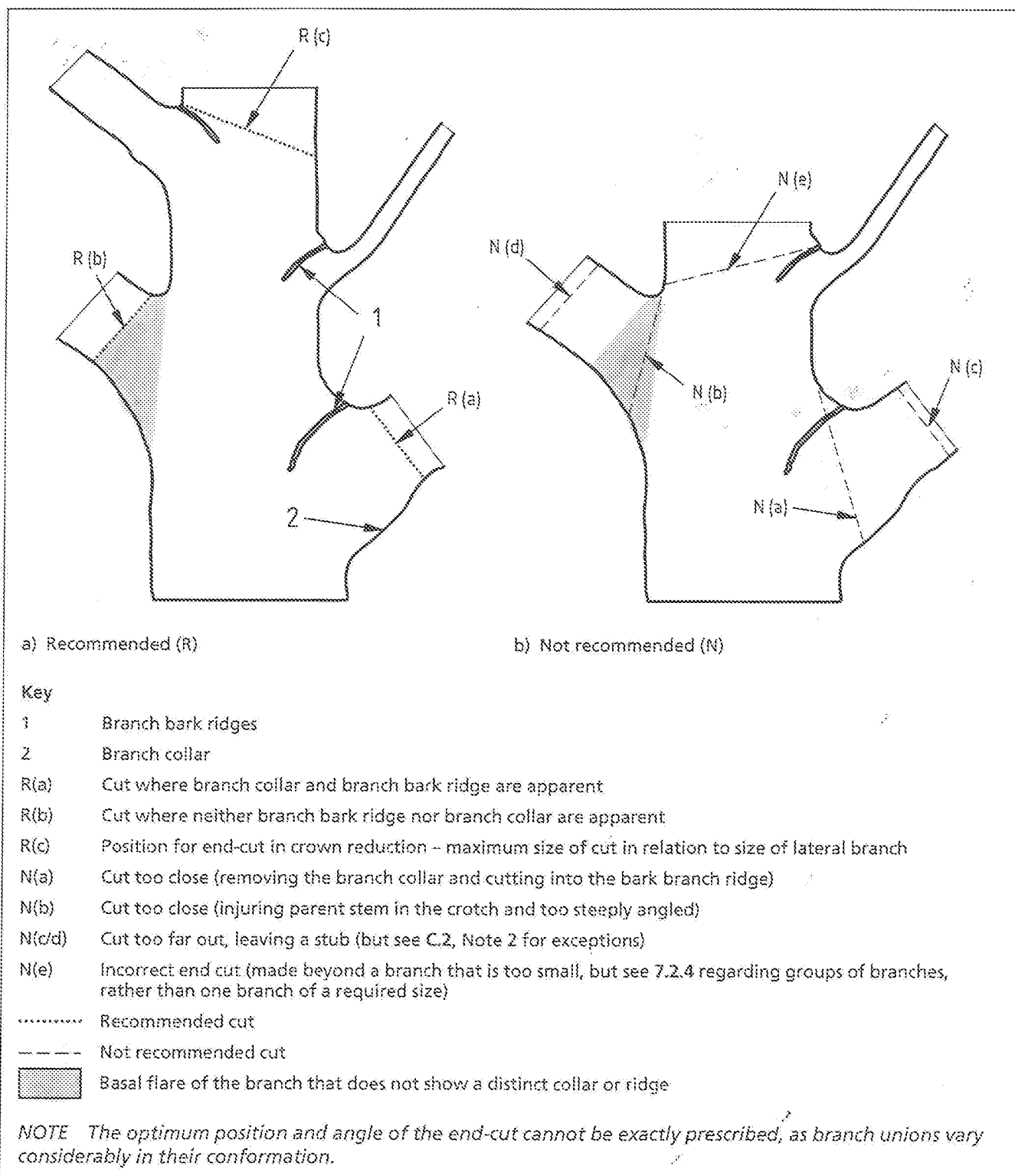
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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts



Planning Officer: Charlotte Easton
Planning Application Ref: FP/244/18/T
Location: 1 Old Rectory Court, Vicarage Lane, Felpham, PO22 7EW
Description of works: Crown reduction of 2m to 1No. Bay tree
Reasons Given: Overgrown and close to old wall

Comments on Application:

Bay laurel / *Laurus nobilis* Height: Approx. 8m Average spread: 2.5m Age class: Mature

- A multi-stemmed and ivy-clad specimen, which outwardly appears to be in a fine physiological state. Structural assessment is difficult due to the tight position it occupies and dense vegetation/ivy cover. I observed an active fungal bracket on east facing stem at approximately 1.3m ht. – which suggests some decay of significance and certainly worth further investigation.
- Although tightly clipped on its south side it is a significant evergreen feature and presents an attractive crown profile to public highway users.
- While undoubtedly providing some valuable screening it could reasonably be regarded as having an oppressive effect over the adjacent dwelling.

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.

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.

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