

CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date of report: 9th December 2025

Case Officer: Silvie Steiningerova

Reference: LU/218/25/T

Location: Land at the North of Riverside Industrial Estate, Bridge Road, Littlehampton, BN17 5DF

Proposal: Reduction to group of sycamores, whitebeams and pines (T1-T21) to clear the units and properties by 2m and removal of dead and dangerous branches.

Reasons: Safety and general maintenance.

Comments on Application:

T1 – T21 Mixed species group (in order of dominance): **Norway maple** / *Acer platanoides* – **Black pine** / *Pinus nigra* – **Sycamore** / *Acer pseudoplatanus* – **Whitebeam** / *Sorbus aria*

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 group is a strategically important feature in the landscape and natural crown profiles should be preserved wherever possible.

It is proposed that only small diameter branches are removed/reduced to provide a maximum of two metres clearance from buildings and fixtures. This clearance is necessary to ensure no damage arises from contact and any essential repairs or maintenance of the building and fixtures is not obstructed.

The removal of deadwood is an exception. Prior notice to or consent from the local planning authority is not required.

Conclusions:

The proposed work has been justified on arboricultural grounds and will not incur any loss of amenity if undertaken to a high standard.

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.

Reasons: In the interests of the trees' continued health and vitality and to accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice.

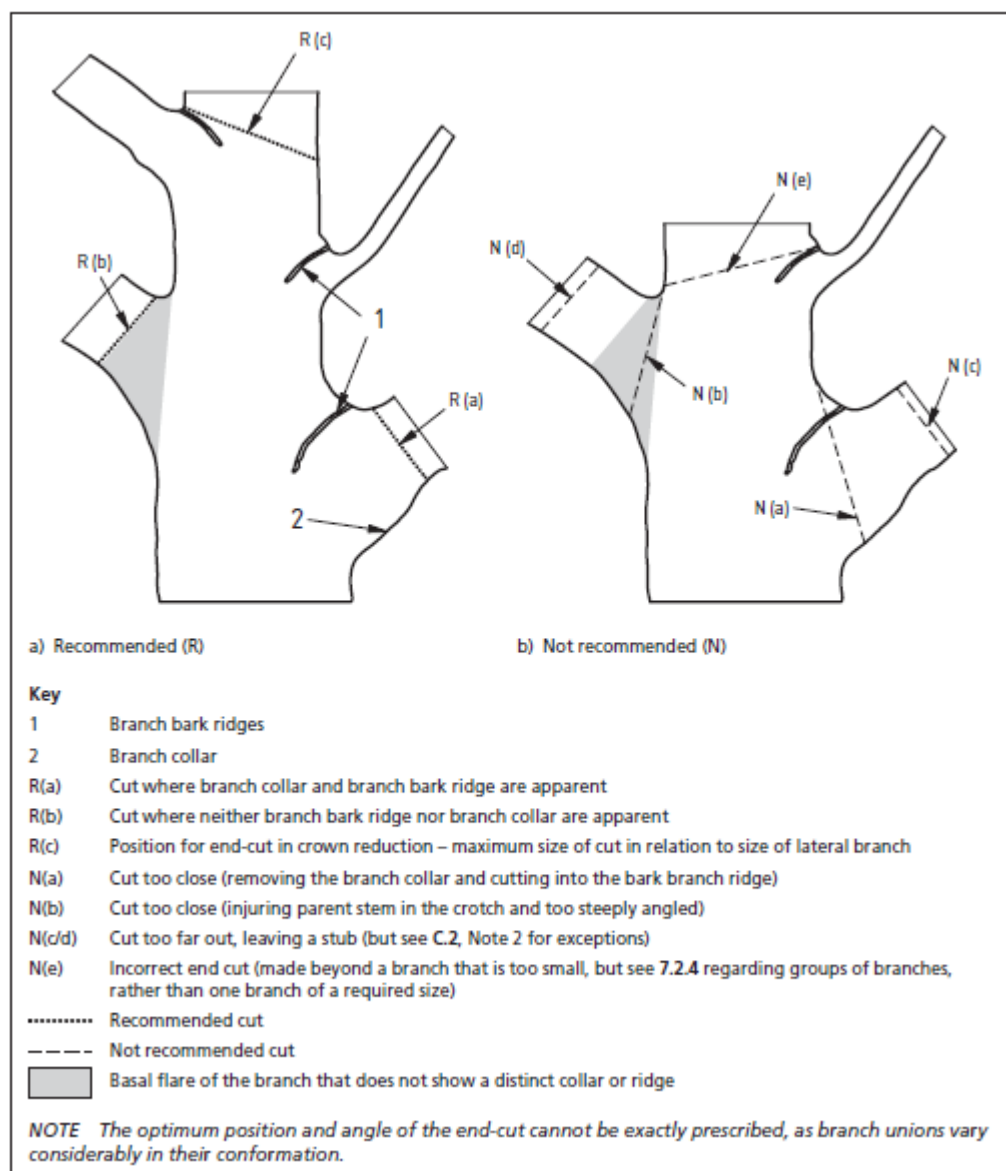
- See also the *standard pruning guidance notes issued with the consent letter*

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Tree Officer

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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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