

CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date of inspection: 13th February 2026

Case Officer: Silvie Steiningerova
Reference: LU/240/25/T
Location: Cana, Berry Lane, Littlehampton, BN17 5HD
Proposal: Crown reduction to 1no. copper beech (T1) to leave a spread of 10.5m.
Reason: To maintain at a reasonable size due to proximity to property

Comments on Application:

Beech, purple-leaved / *Fagus sylvatica Purpurea*

Height: 10-15m Radial spread: 5-10m Age class: Mature

From roadside T1 appears to be in a fine physiological state. A boundary tree prominent in the street scene, it provides visual amenity.

It has previously been the subject of whole crown reduction pruning. The main stem(s) is abruptly truncated although lateral branches much less so. There is an average of 2metres extension growth beyond the pruning points, suggesting a relatively recent operation, although I did not find any planning application history associated with that work.

This proposal seeks to reduce the crown spread by pruning on the eastern aspect only. Leaving an east-west diameter of 10.5m by removing a maximum of 1.5m.

Conclusion:

The proposed work will not incur harm to the tree or loss of visual amenity, if undertaken to a high standard.

There is sufficient extension of new growth since the last operation was undertaken so can be 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:

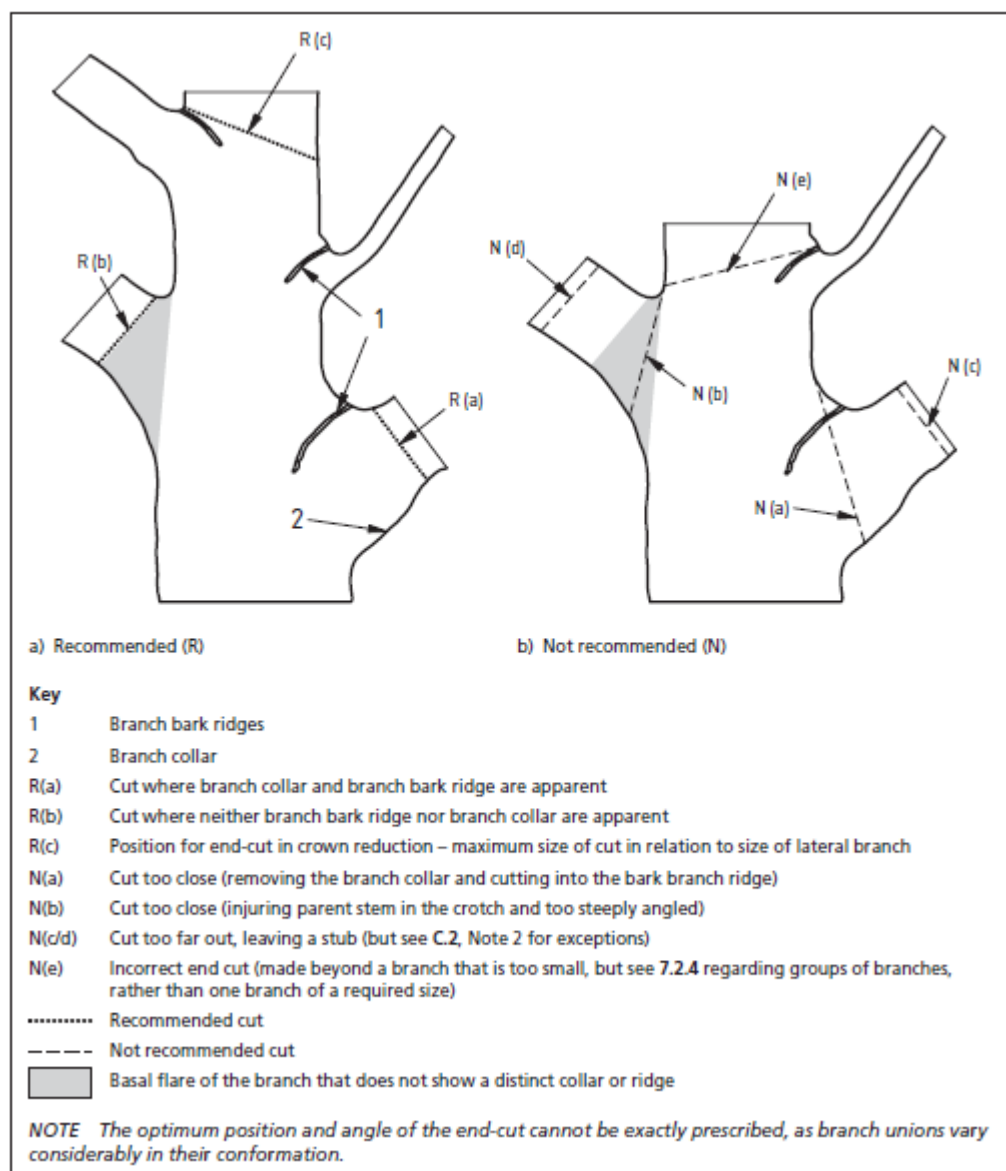
Where an applicant is not the stated owner of a tree, permission must first be obtained from the landowner before operating beyond the boundary of their own property. Consent from the local planning authority does not override that requirement.

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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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