

CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date of inspection: 30th April 2026

Case Officer: Silvie Steiningerova
Reference: M/21/26/T
Location: 177 Middleton Road, Middleton-on-sea, PO22 6DF
Proposal: Crown reduction to 1no. pedunculate oak (T1) to leave a height of 12.5m and spread of 10m, crown lift to 4m from ground level.
Reason: To maintain clearance of telephone wires

Comments on Application:

Pedunculate oak / *Quercus robur* Height: 10-15m Radial spread: 5-10m Age class: Semi mature

From roadside this tree appears to be in a fine physiological condition and assumed to be so in the absence of any evidence provided to the contrary. It is a young tree for its type, although has a notable presence already. It is prominent, with excellent form and high growth potential.

Low branches of small diameter can be removed to achieve satisfactory clearance on all aspects, although 4metres overhead clearance is higher than ideal, where 3metres would be more proportionate to tree height. This can be controlled to some extent by the use of a condition to limit permitted wound size.

It is understood that top height and lateral spread on most aspects will remain untouched, with crown reduction pruning only applying to where undertaken previously to improve clearance around overhead cables (BT).

Conclusions:

Only small diameter branches will be removed/reduced to provide a maximum of four metres overhead clearance on all aspects. There will be no alteration of crown height or common spread.

The tree is a significant feature in the local landscape and appears to be in adequately sound and healthy condition. The proposed work will not incur harm to the tree or loss of visual amenity.

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) All pruning cuts shall not exceed 50mm in diameter.

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

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Environment and Climate Change

Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

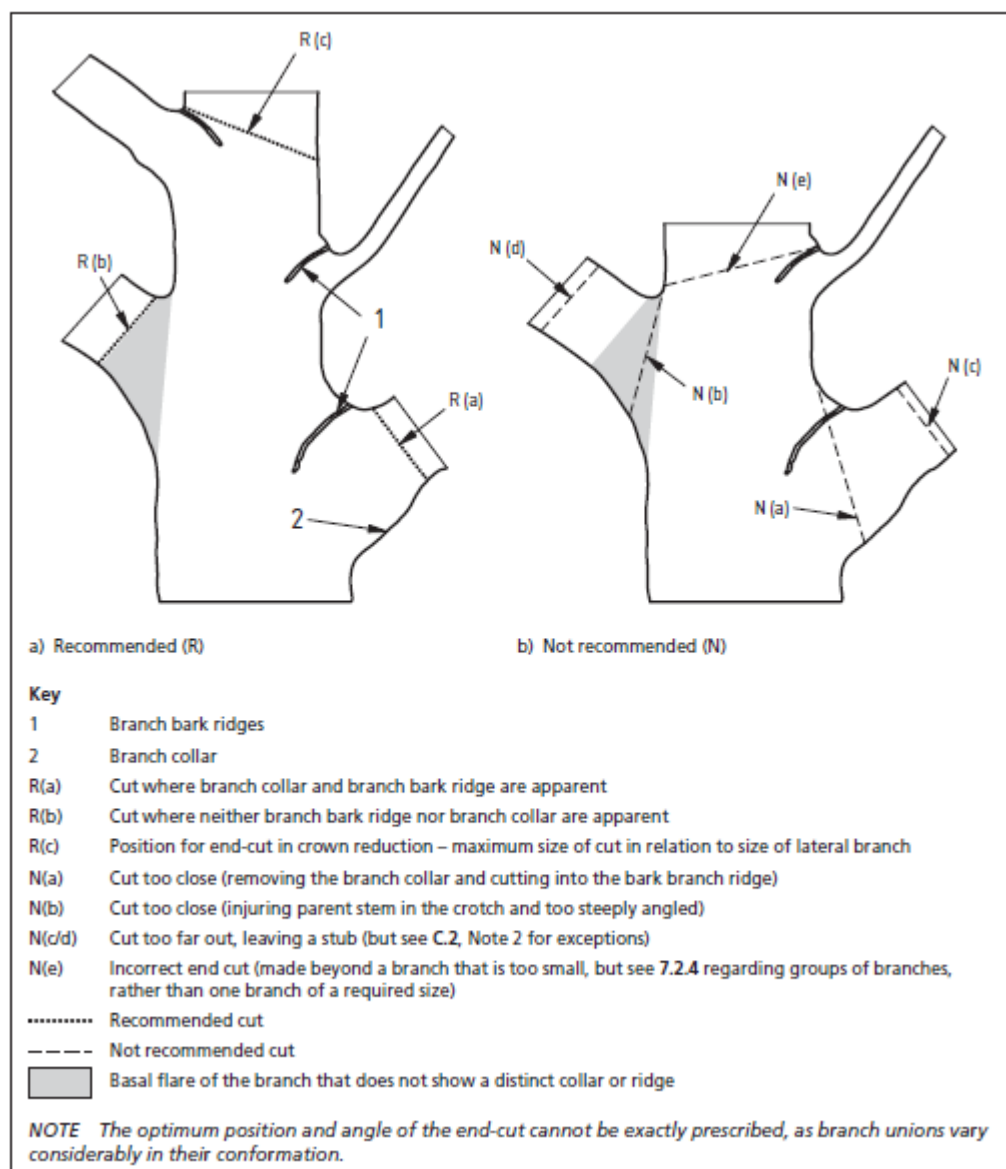
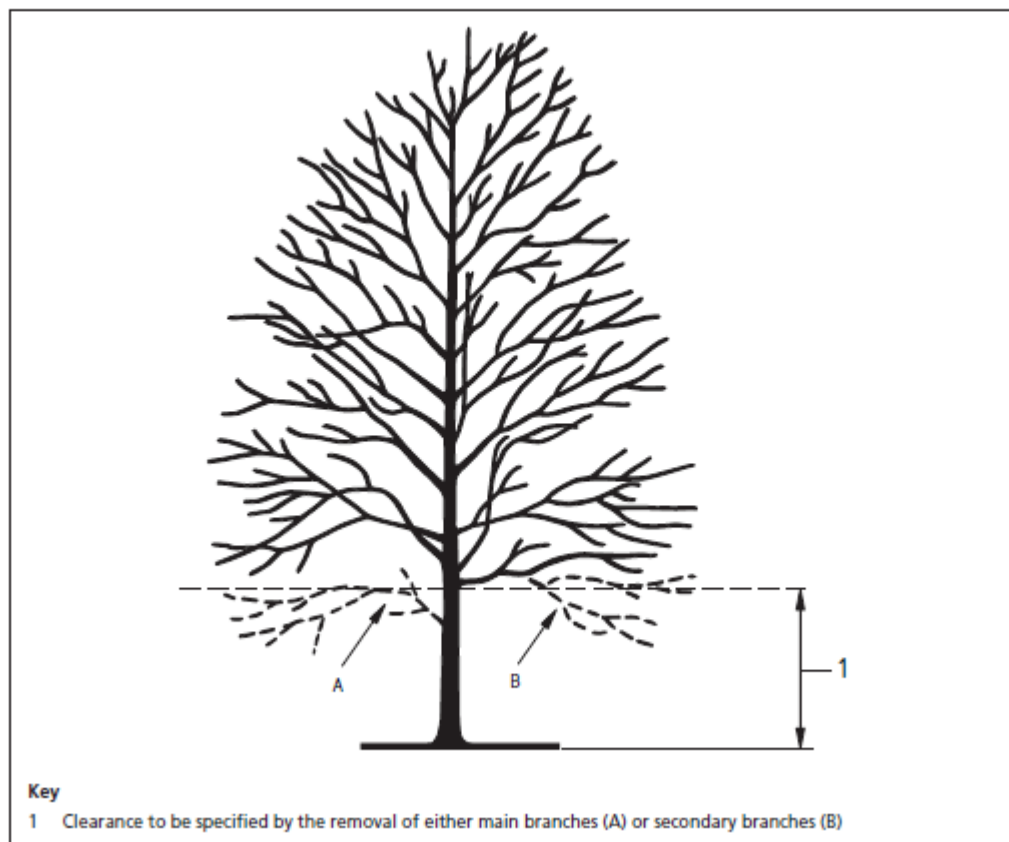


Figure 3 Crown lifting



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Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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