

CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date of inspection: 28th January 2026

Case Officer: Jonny Cooper

Reference: M/99/25/T

Location: 30 Lodge Close, Middleton-on-Sea, PO22 6NF

Proposal: Deadwood removal and crown reduction to 1no. oak (T1) to leave a height of 9m and spread of 4.5m

Reasons: Encroachment onto private properties

Comments on Application:

T1 is a subject of preservation order – TPO/M/1/04, ref.T2

T1 Pedunculate oak / *Quercus robur* Height: 5-10m Radial spread: 0-5m Age class: Early mature

From roadside this tree appears to be in a fine physiological state. There is evidence of historic pruning to reduce the whole crown from around two thirds height.

The current proposal seeks to eliminate all material overhanging rear gardens of properties in Lodge Close and sympathetically attend to height and lateral spread on all other aspects.

Encroachment of branches will undoubtedly be having an impact on use of that space, and its effects will increase given high growth potential. Is something of an outlier from the main linear group of trees between watercourse and Ancton Lodge Lane; an important landscape feature between developments.

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

Conclusions:

There is sufficient extension of new growth since the last operation was undertaken and so the proposal is justified on arboricultural grounds.

While a temporary loss of aesthetic value is inevitable, satisfactory canopy renewal and recovery should occur if the work is undertaken to a high standard and at an appropriate time of year.

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 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:

Hard pruning creates numerous and/or large wounds, incurring a physiological stress which may affect long-term health and vitality. The optimum time for pruning deciduous oak trees is late spring to summer (May to August). Winter months when the trees are dormant is the traditional season for such work and certainly much less harmful than undertaking during spring or autumn, which should be avoided.

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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

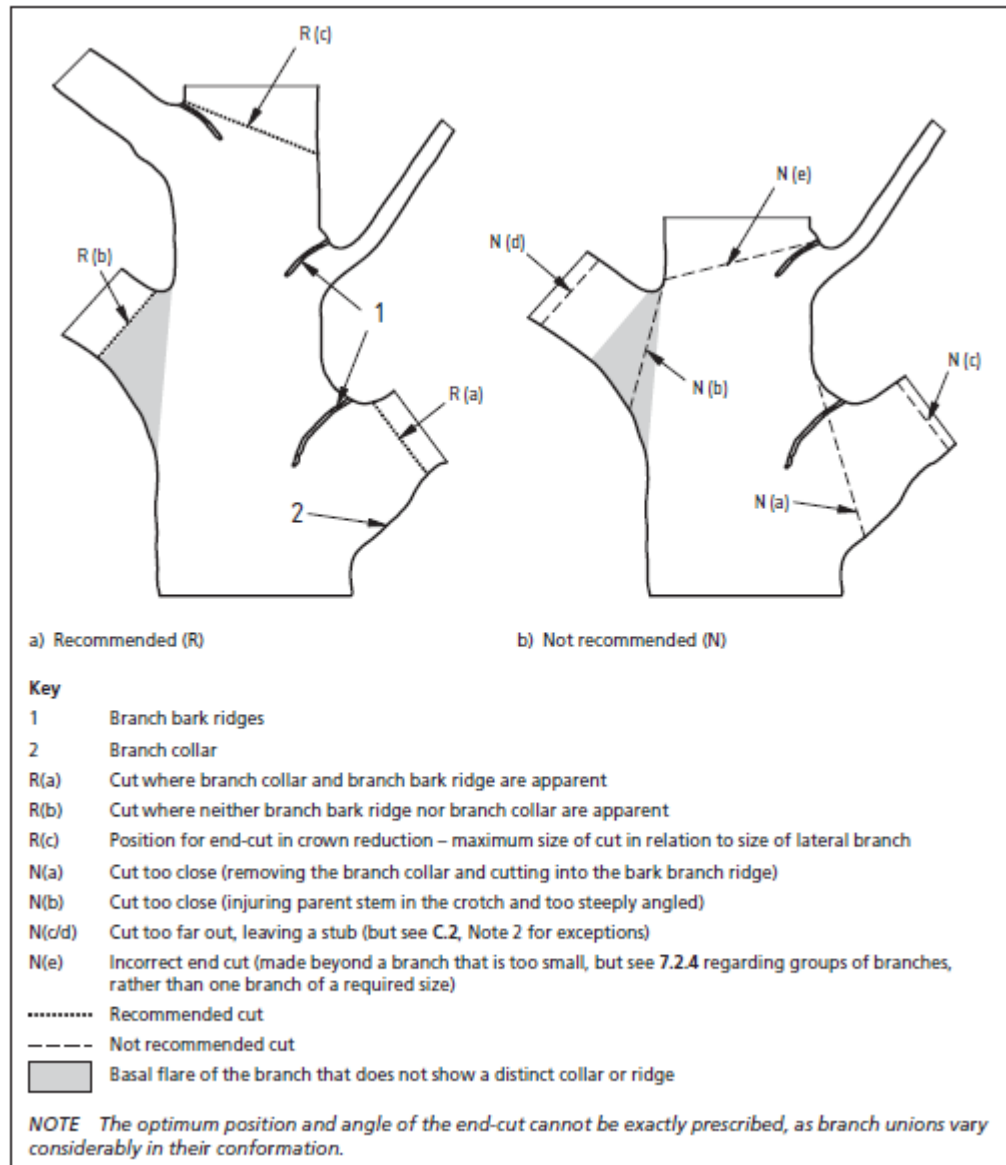
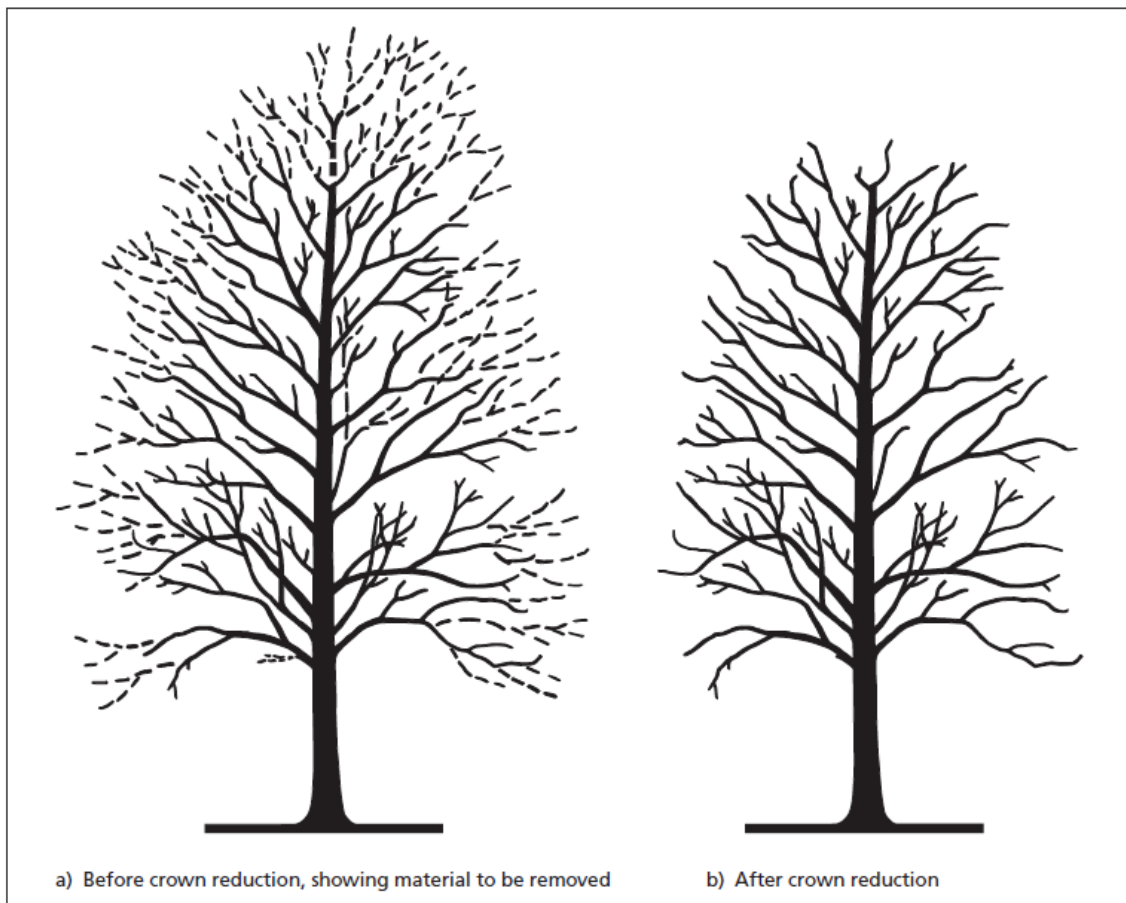


Figure 4 Diagrammatic illustration of crown reduction



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Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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