

Planning Officer: Miss Z Toppin

Planning Application Ref: P/110/21/T

Location: 43 Sea Lane, Pagham, PO21 4UW

Description of works: Reduction/crown lift of 1no. sycamore (T1) to Northern face to achieve 2m clearance from building

Reasons given: 1. Excessive shading 2. Leaves blocking drains

Comments on Application:

Sycamore / *Acer pseudoplatanus* Height: 10-15m Radial spread: 5-10m Age class: Mature

- I have considered this application by means of a desktop review. Previous consideration from site provides further insight to the proposal.
- It has received extensive crown lift (low branch reduction/removal) pruning in the past. It exhibits a relatively unmodified and attractive upper crown profile, despite its exposure to coastal winds. It grows at the front of the property and is visible from surrounding properties and to users of the public highway (footway and carriageway). As such, it has public amenity value.
- The above description of works states the principle aims of the proposal. Specifically, the applicant intends to undertake the following operations (as described in their Statement), for which Approval is sought:
 - Reduce/remove epicormic growth to achieve a maximum of 3metres overhead clearance on all aspects.
 - Reduce lateral spread (East aspect of crown only) by no more than 2metres, leaving approximately 5m minimum.
 - Prune small branches (<50mm diameter) to remove direct interference (contact) with overhead cables (BT) routed through the crown.
 - Reduce upper North-tending branch back, to achieve maximum 2metres clearance from building.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds, although not for the reasons given. On completion, the tree ought to be in greater harmony with its surroundings.
- If undertaken to a high 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.

Recommendation:

- I recommend **CONSENT** for this application, subject to the following condition:

Condition to Be Applied to Approved Work: -

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 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**

Mark Warwick
Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team

Figure 3 Crown lifting

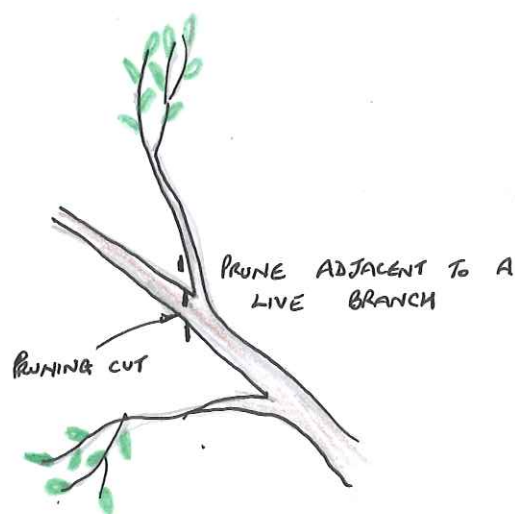
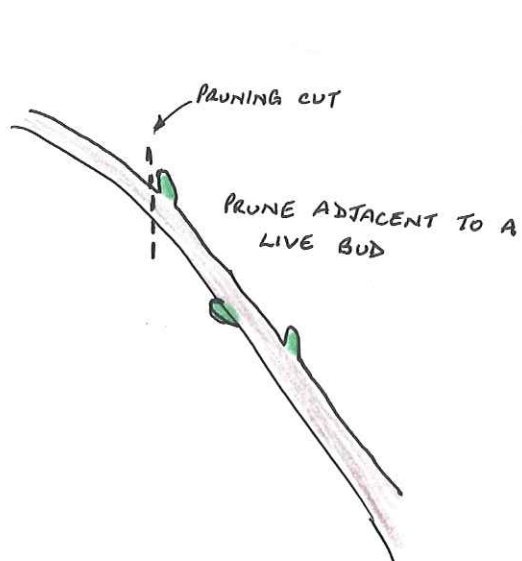
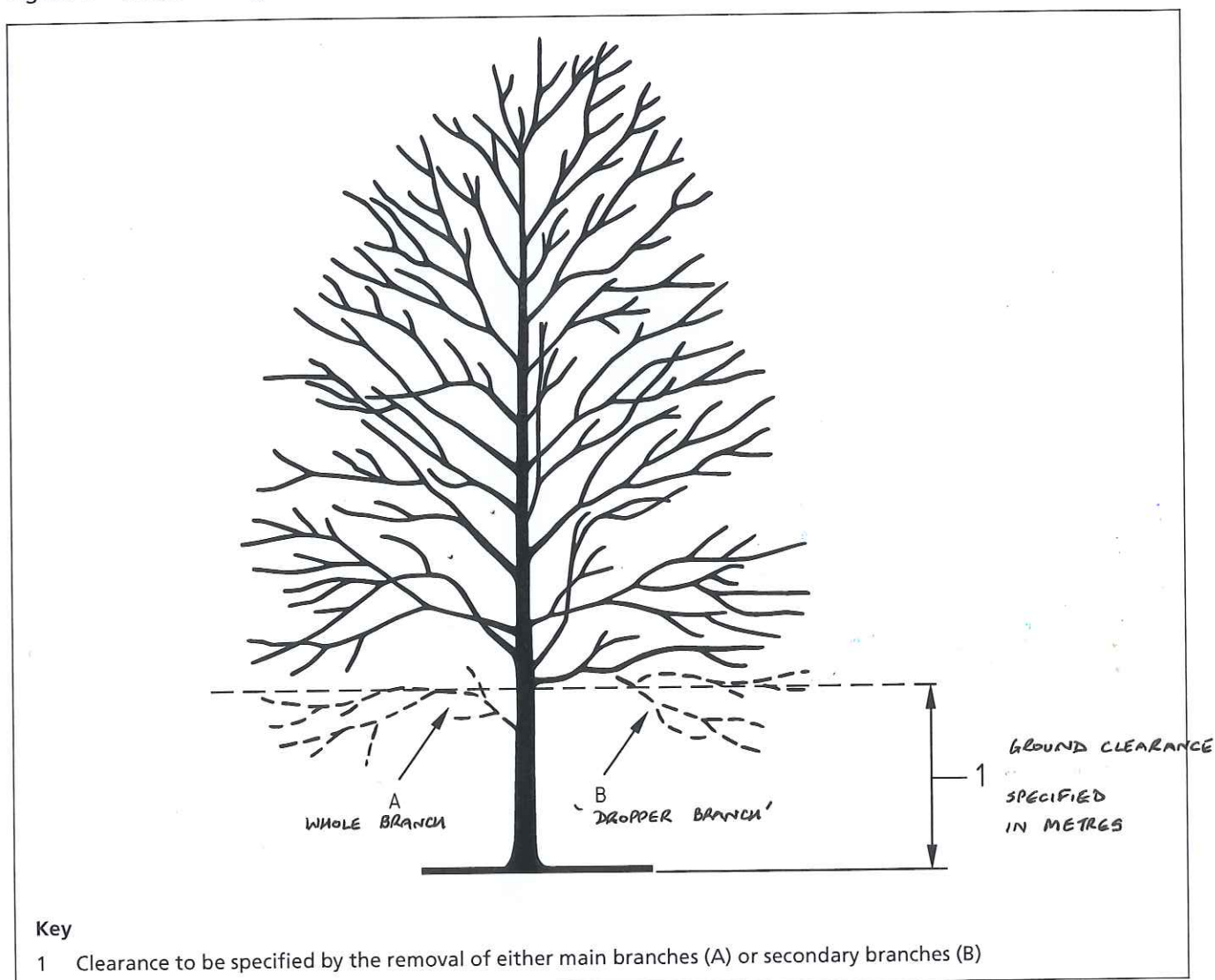


Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

