

Planning Officer: Lynnyrd Wolfe

Planning Application Ref: P/14/20/T

Location: 1 The Causeway, Bognor Regis, PO21 4PD

Description of works: Crown lift to 2m 1no. purple-leaved plum tree (T29).

Reasons Given: To restore standard form and improve aesthetic value

Comments on Application:

Plum, purple-leaved / *Prunus cerasifera* cv Approx. height: 6m Average spread: 2.5m Age class: Mature

- This tree appears to be outwardly healthy and stable with a relatively unmodified upper crown. It displays aged character, somewhat erratic in form and visually interesting. It is one of an opposing pair, which make an ornamental feature at this end of the estate.
- The proposal should only involve the removal of secondary growth which has arisen from the main stem and perhaps a few smaller secondary 'dropper' branches; to achieve satisfactory above-ground clearance and recover standard form.

Conclusions:

- If the work is undertaken to a good 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.
- There should be no loss of public amenity on completion of the proposed works.

Recommendations:

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

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 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

Mark Warwick
Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team

Figure 3 Crown lifting

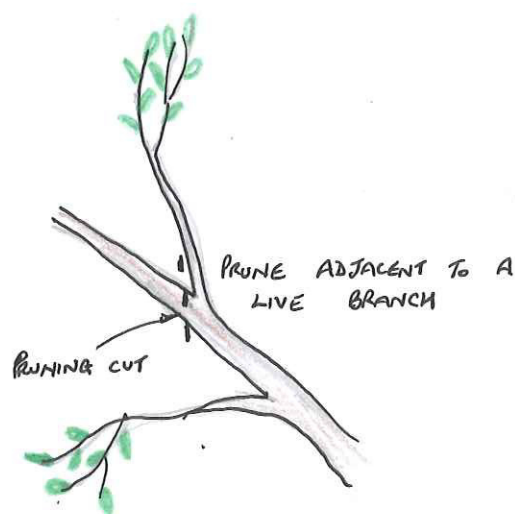
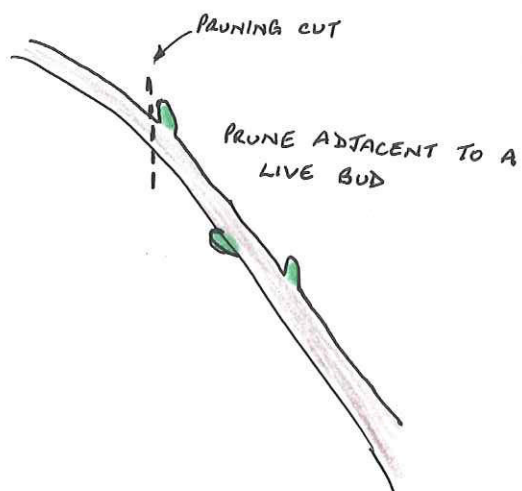
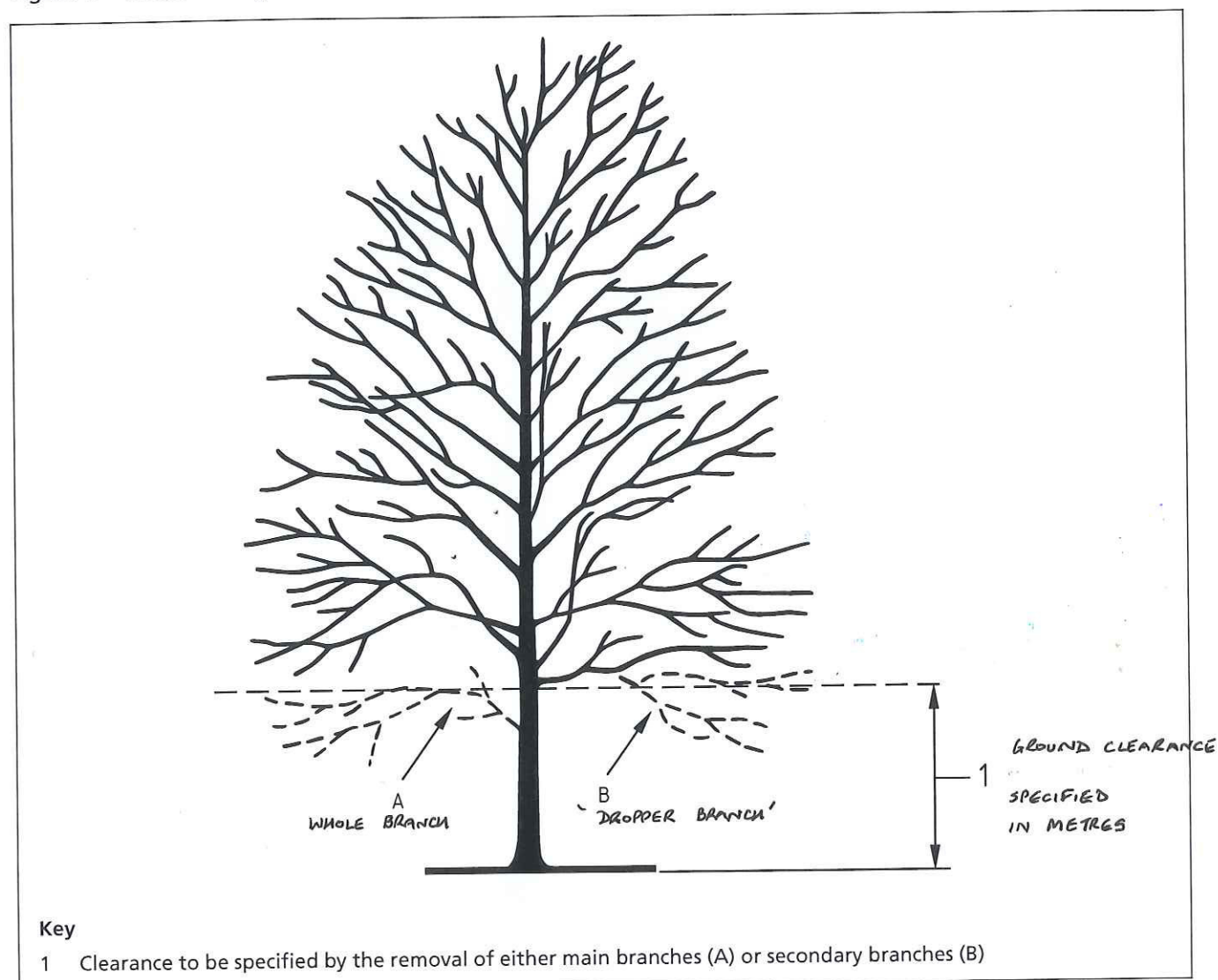


Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

