

CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date of report: 9th April 2026

Case Officer: Rhiannon Lloyd

Reference: P/24/26/T

Location: 9 Downlands Close, Pagham, PO21 3QA

Proposal: Crown reduction to 1no. oak (T1) to leave a height of 12m and spread of 10m.

Reason: Continuation of cyclical pruning regime

Comments on Application:

T1 is the subject of a preservation order – TPO/P/1/23

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

I have considered this application by means of a desktop review, using the information submitted as well as online resources. Previous consideration from site and familiarity with the surrounding area provide further insight to the proposal.

Historic reduction pruning has diminished its landscape value, but it remains visible from surrounding properties and in part to users of the public highway (footway and carriageway). As such, it has public amenity value.

Repeat operations such as proposed by the applicant will be necessary throughout the remaining lifespan of this tree, to achieve a degree of structural integrity appropriate for its location.

Conclusions:

This latest proposal seeks repeat of an operation previously granted consent by the local planning authority. There should be no long-term detriment to tree health and amenity, if 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.

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

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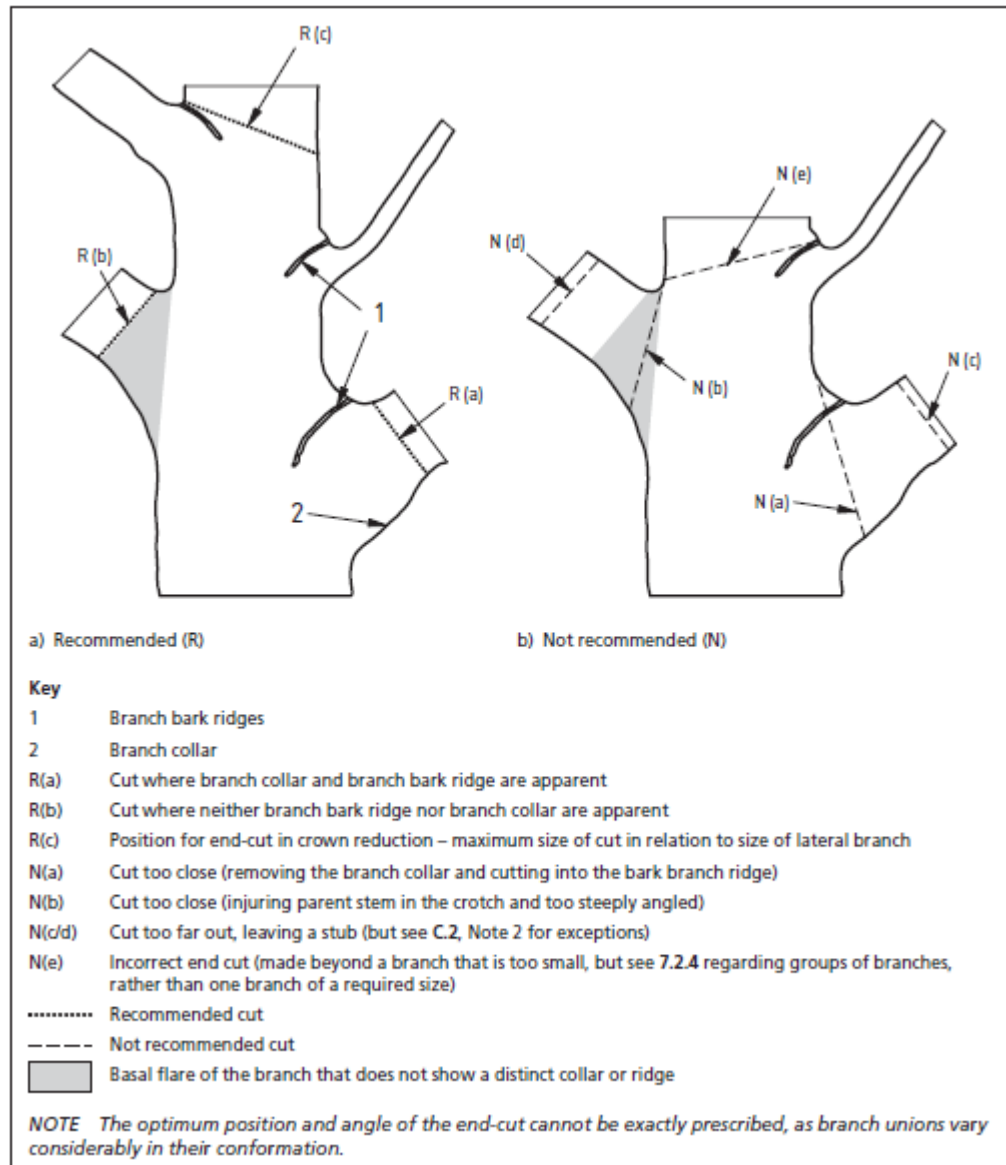
Hard pruning creates numerous and/or large wounds, incurring a physiological stress which may affect long-term health and vitality. The optimum time for pruning a deciduous oak tree is late spring to summer (May to August). Winter months when those trees are dormant is the traditional season for such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

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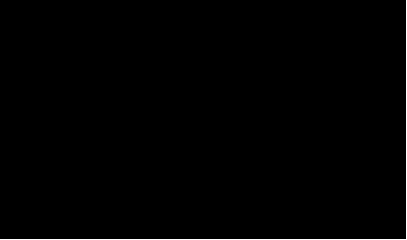
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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts



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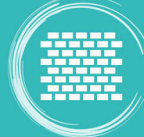
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Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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