

CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date of report: 26th August 2026

Reference: R/109/26/T

Proposal: Crown reduction to 1no. horse chestnut (T1) to leave a height of 11.5m, a North-South spread of 8m and an East-West spread of 7m.

Location: 7 Walnut Avenue, Rustington, BN16 3NY

Case Officer: Jonny Cooper

Reasons: Size of tree and proximity to buildings

Comments on Application:

T1 Horse chestnut / *Aesculus hippocastanum*

Height: 10-15m Radial spread: 5-10m Age class: Mature

I have considered this application by means of a desktop review, referring to the documents submitted and online resources.

The applicant has employed Townsend Trees & Gardens as agent, to prepare a tree survey report. That is comprehensive and includes a detailed work specification.

T1 is an established tree of apparent good health with a heavily modified crown. It is visible from surrounding properties and in part to users of the public highway (footway and carriageway). Consent for hard pruning was last granted in 2022.

Repeat operations will be necessary throughout the lifespan of this tree to achieve a degree of structural integrity appropriate for its location.

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.

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 interests of the trees' continued health and vitality and to accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice.

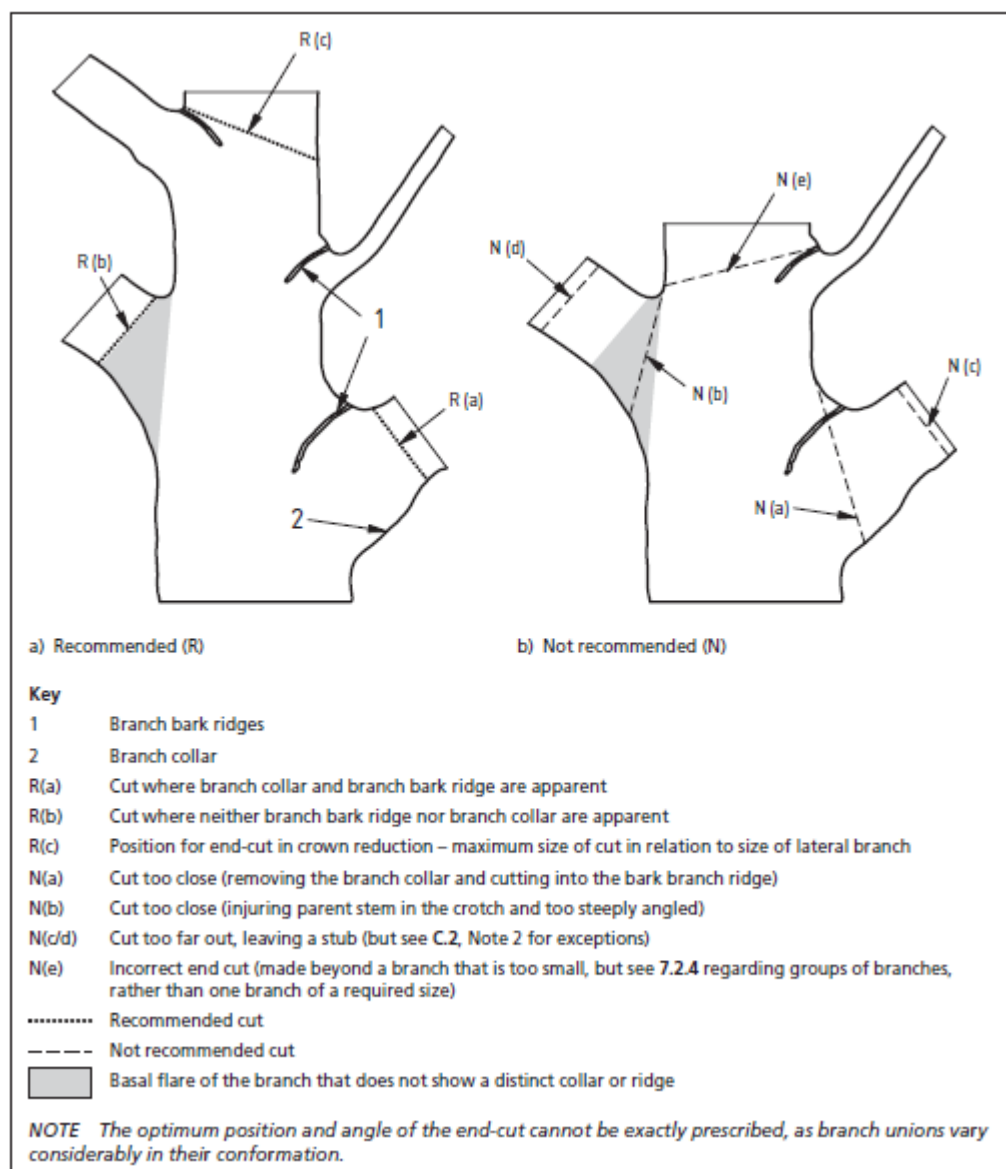
- See also the standard pruning guidance notes issued with the consent letter

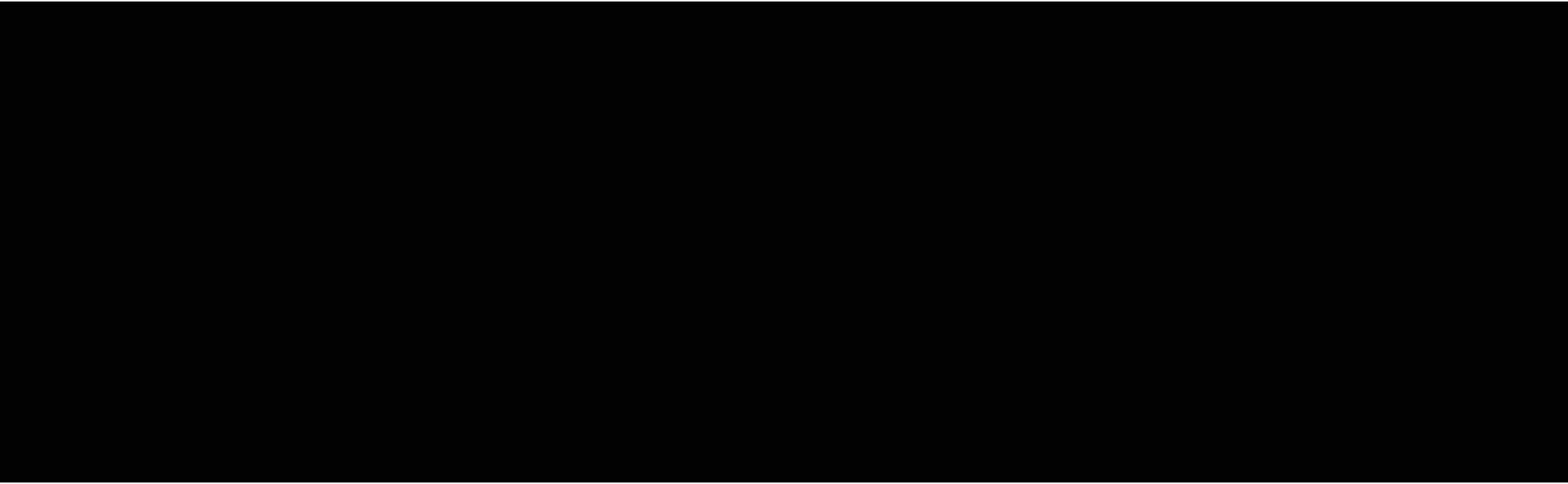
Informative:

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 a horse chestnut tree is late spring to summer (May to August).

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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts





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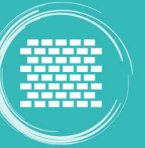
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Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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