

Planning Officer: Miss Z Toppin

Planning Application Ref: R/153/21/T

Location: 32 The Parkway, Rustington, BN16 2B

Description of works: TG1 - Tree group of 3no. beech 2m radial spread reduction, from 10m to 8m and height reduction by 2m, from 16m to 14m

Reasons given: To provide additional clearance from dwelling and improve resilience to strong winds

Comments on Application:

3x Beech / *Fagus sylvatica* Height: 10-15m Radial spread: 5-10m Age class: Early mature

- Outwardly and from distance (roadside) this group of trees appear to be in a fine physiological state and assumed to be so in the absence of any information/evidence provided to the contrary.
- A visually impressive crown profile is formed upon a tight cluster of stems and an erratic limb and branch framework. The group appears to have good cohesion and possess high growth potential.
- It grows at the front of the property and is highly visible from numerous properties and to traffic accessing/exiting this part of the estate. As such, it has public amenity value.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds. These are high profile specimen trees of significant public and visual amenity and are to be carefully pruned to maintain reasonable enjoyment of residential property and with respect for natural tree form.
- If the work is undertaken to a high standard and at the right time then the tree group should remain a long-term visually interesting feature in the local landscape.

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 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*

Advisory:

- The long-term vitality of tree group (TG1) is best respected when significant pruning work such as proposed, is undertaken during the late spring to summer period (May to August). The work should only be undertaken during this period.

Mark Warwick
Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team

Figure 4 Diagrammatic illustration of crown reduction

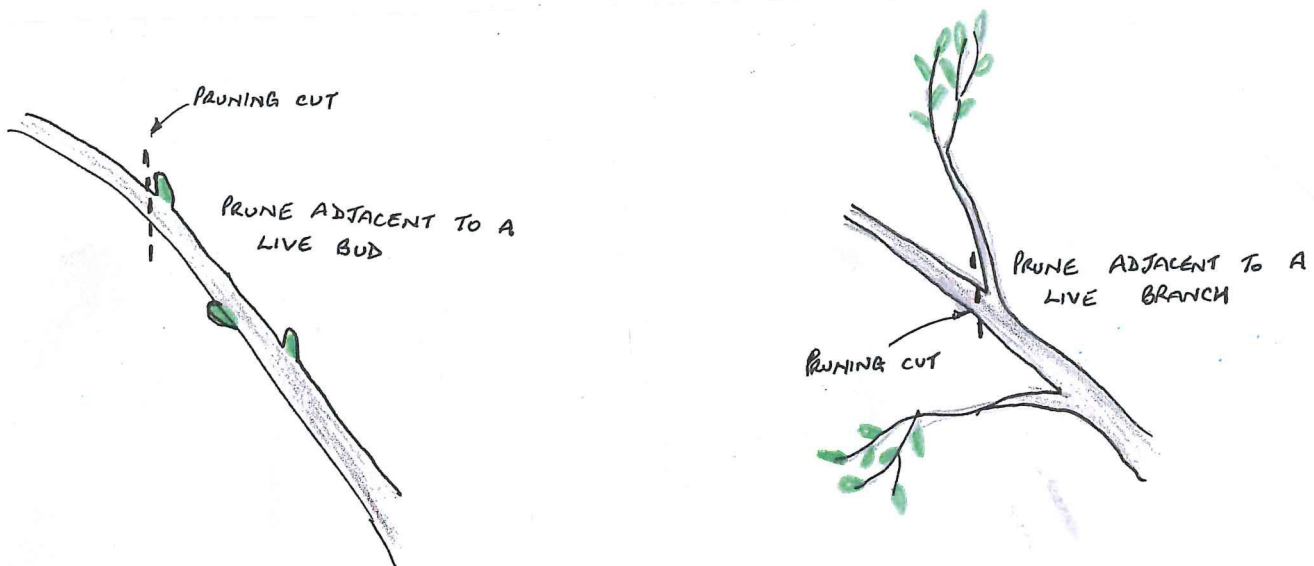
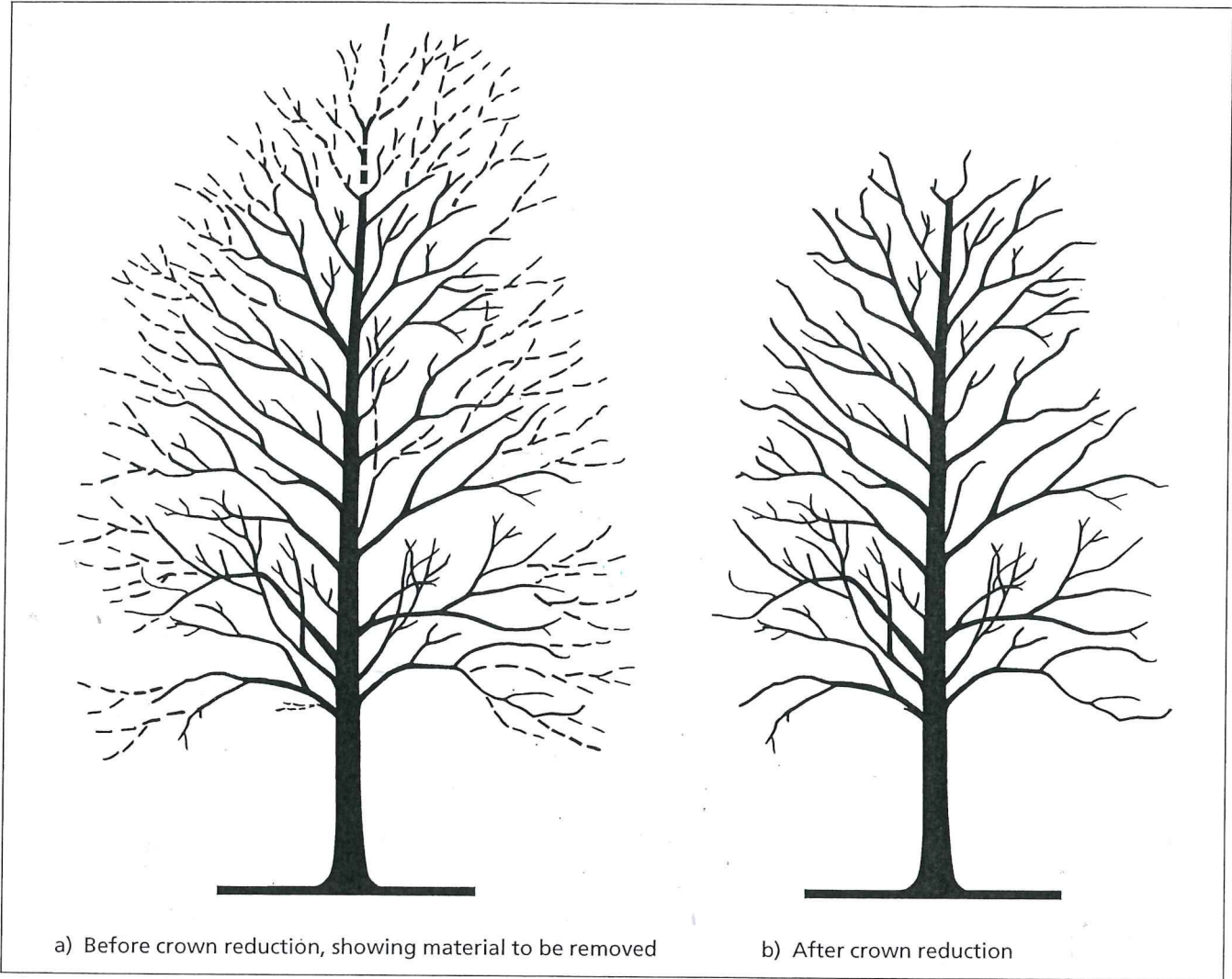


Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

