

CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date of inspection: 7th November 2025

Case Officer: Jonny Cooper

Reference: R/178/25/T

Location: 3 Tanglewood, The Parkway, Rustington, BN16 2BS

Proposal: Crown reduction to 1no. copper beech to leave a height of 7.5m and spread of 10m. Crown thin by up to 15%.

Reasons: To maintain clearance from building and continuation of cyclical pruning regime.

Comments on Application:

Beech, purple-leaved / *Fagus sylvatica Purpurea*

Height: 10-15m Spread: 5-10m Age class: Early mature

From roadside this tree appears to be in a fine physiological state. It displays a full and compact crown, a result of its established pruning regime. A prominent tree alongside a busy public right of way, it provides considerable amenity value.

The extent of canopy is not obviously problematic at this time although likely to become so within the valid timeframe of a consent granted hereby. The proposed finished dimensions are commensurate with retention of all established knuckles, i.e. is a repeat of past operations.

I am assured that the work will be carried out to a high standard.

Conclusions:

There is sufficient extension of new growth since the last operation was undertaken and so the proposal is justified on arboricultural grounds. 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 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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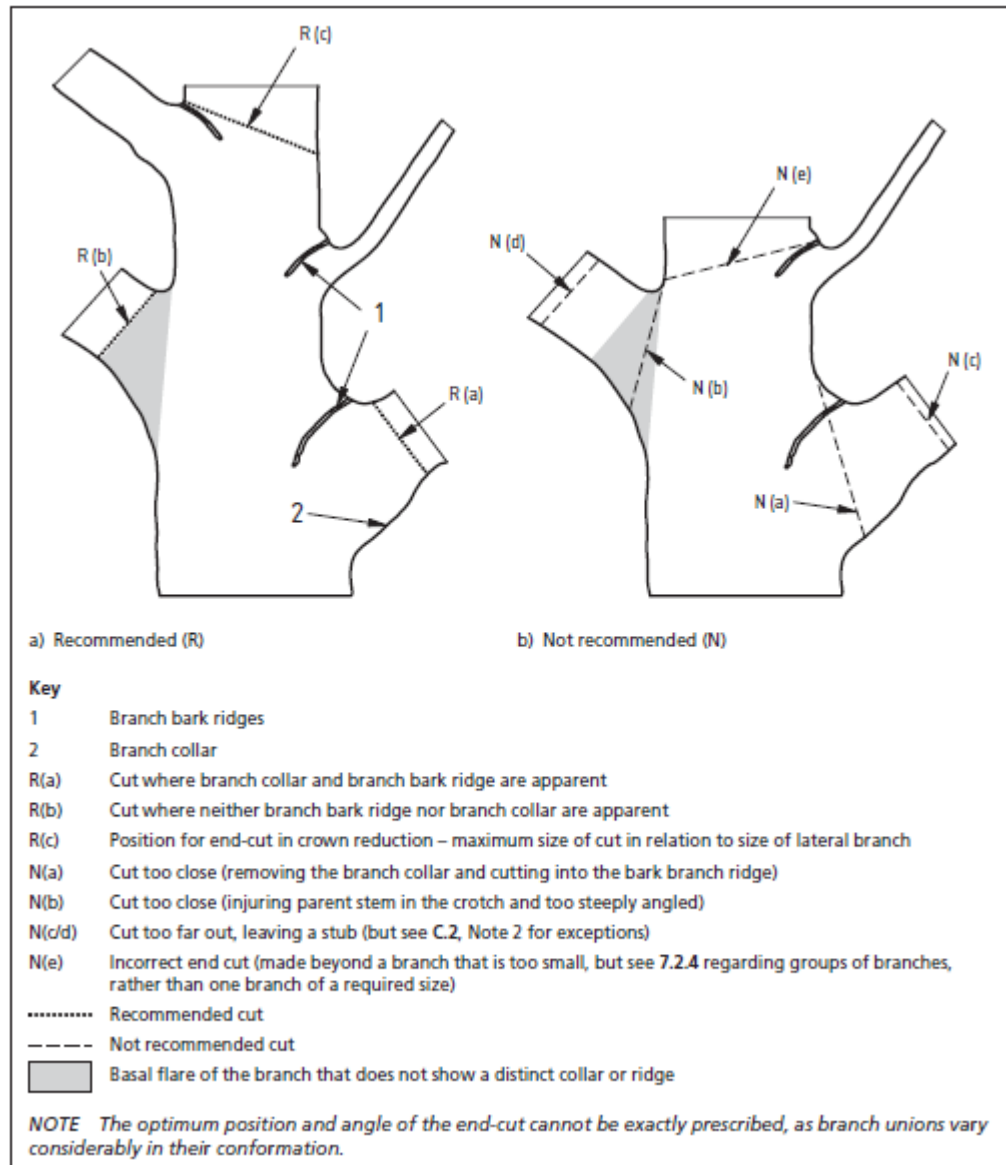
Although they may respond with vigour, beech have a poor tolerance of hard pruning and long-term vitality can be severely affected. The optimum time for pruning beech is late spring to summer (May to August).

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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts



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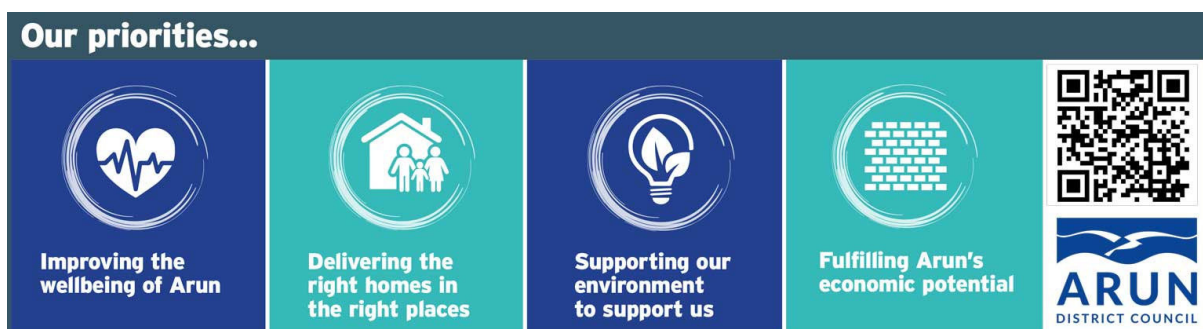
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Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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