

## CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date of inspection: 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025

**Case Officer:** Freya Clewley

**Reference:** R/1/25/T

**Location:** Knightscroft House, Sea Lane, Rustington, BN16 2RT

**Proposal:** Crown reduction to 1no. sycamore (T1) to leave a northerly radial spread of 3.5m, an easterly radial spread of 4m, a southerly radial spread of 3m, a westerly radial spread of 4m and a height of 14m.

**Reason:** To contain tree in relation to nearby buildings.

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### Comments on Application:

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**T1 Sycamore / *Acer pseudoplatanus*** Height: 10-15m Radial spread: 0-5m Age class: Mature

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T1 is given reference T15 under TPO/R/1/76. It is a long-established tree, visible in large part from the public highway and numerous dwellings. Appears to be in a fine physiological state and presents a balanced crown profile.

It has been the subject of whole crown reduction pruning before and this proposal seeks a repeat of that work. Further 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. There should be no long-term detriment to tree health and amenity if the work is carried out 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*

**Informative:**

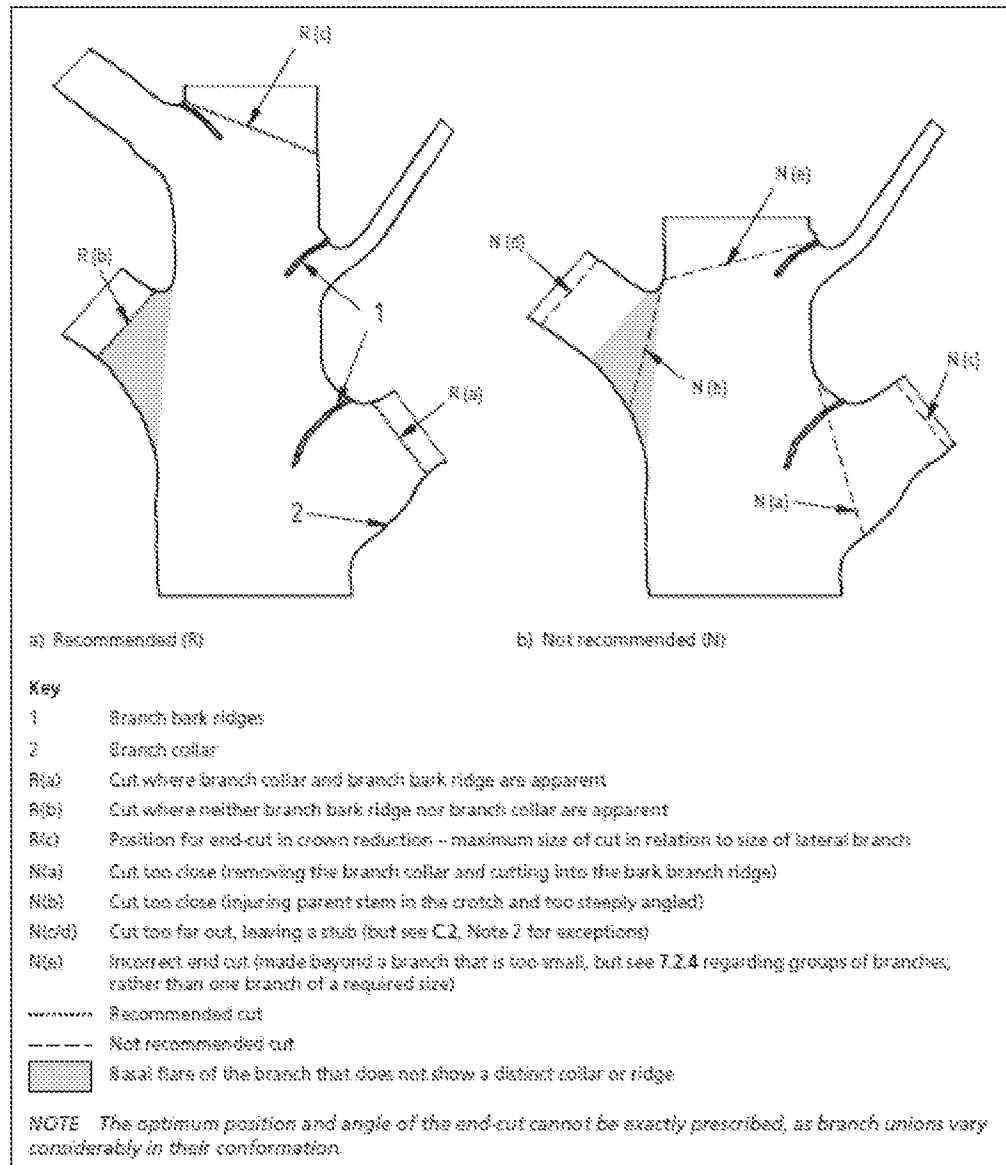
Hard pruning creates numerous and/or large wounds, incurring a physiological stress which may affect long-term health and vitality. The optimum time for pruning maples (including sycamore) is summer or midwinter, as prone to bleeding.

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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts



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Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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