

CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date of inspection: 13th February 2026

Case Officer: Susan Haley

Reference: R/227/25/T

Location: Lamb Inn 73 The Street Rustington BN16 3NU

Proposal: Fell 1no. ash tree, prune back to suitable growth points leaving 4m of branch growth to 2no. ash trees

Reason: T1 – Risk management

Comments on Application:

T1 is not the subject of any TPO but is growing from within a conservation area. As such we should consider this element of the application a Town & Country Planning Act 1990 (as amended) s211 Notice.

T2 & T3 are subjects of a preservation order – TPO/R/2/85 (ref. T4 & T5), while also growing from within a conservation area. The TPO takes precedence.

T1 Ash / <i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>	Height: 5-10m	Radial spread: 0-5m	Age class: Early mature
T2 & T3 Ash / <i>Fraxinus excelsior</i>	Height: 15-20m	Radial spread: 5-10m	Age class: Mature

T1 – This tree is off-site, growing from within the rear garden of 71 The Street. It is in poor condition, displaying advanced crown dieback and possessing a high quantity of deadwood. It overhangs the car park serving the public house and so presents a risk of harm to people and property.

T2 and T3 - have similar stature, prominence and pruning history. They appear to be in a fair physiological state although are best viewed in early summer to gain a comprehensive assessment of their condition.

There are several small cavity openings, deadwood items and tear-out wound across both trees, worthy of consideration, perhaps under climbed inspection. Attention is drawn to a mid-height limb on the north side of T2 which appears cankered/damaged on its upper side and potentially colonised by fungus (susp. *Inonotus hispidus*).

Reduction of branch length to the property boundary is tolerable if finishing cuts are positioned at strong growth nodes.

Conclusions:

T1 - I am satisfied this work will not result in undue harm to the character or appearance of the conservation area.

T2 & T3 - There should be no loss of amenity or character to the surrounding area on completion of the proposed work.

Recommendations:

T1 - I raise No Objection and see no reason to make a Tree Preservation Order.

T2 & T3 - 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.

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:

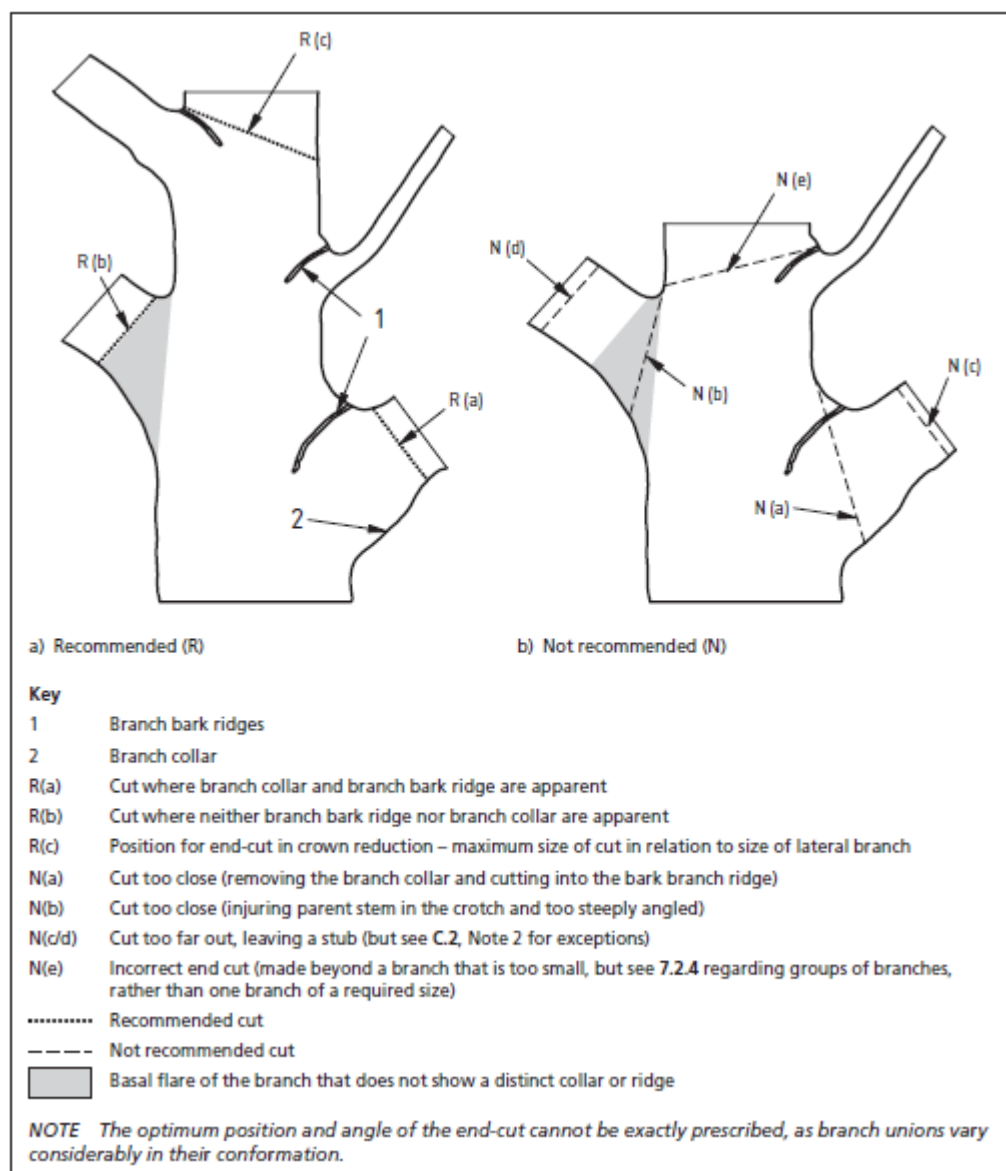
Where an applicant is not the stated owner of the tree(s), permission must first be obtained from the landowner before operating beyond the boundary of their own property. Consent from the local planning authority does not permit any such approved work in the absence of that permission.

Mark Warwick

Tree Officer

Environment and Climate Change

Figure 2 Positions of final cuts



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Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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