

Planning Officer: Harry Chalk
Planning Application Ref: R/277/21/T
Location: 70-72 The Street, Rustington, BN16 3NR
Description of works: Various works to various trees
Reasons given: None provided

Comments on Application:

- The tree owner has employed Round Top Trees as agent, to prepare and submit a tree survey and plan. This is comprehensive and includes a detailed work specification for each item.
- The whole site is within Rustington Conservation Area. There is one Tree Preservation Order affecting this site (TPO/R/2/85), which applies to the following items: T1 & T5 lime, T11 & T14 yew.
- There are many trees included in this proposal. The Tree Survey and supporting Plan were simultaneously considered during my site assessment.
- No individual trees are worthy of specific comment for the purposes of reviewing this application; all can be satisfactorily considered for generic comment, as follows:
 - Although no reasons were given for the work, it is minor in nature and should not incur any loss of amenity value or diminish character of the surrounding area. It will ensure adequate overhead clearance for those visiting the churchyard and facilitate detailed inspection.

Conclusion:

- 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.

Recommendations:

T1 & T5 lime, T11 & T14 yew (TPO & Conservation Area applies)

- 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*

All other trees in proposal (Conservation Area applies)

- I raise **NO OBJECTION** to the works that have been applied for and see no reason to make a Tree Preservation Order.

Mark Warwick
Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team

Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

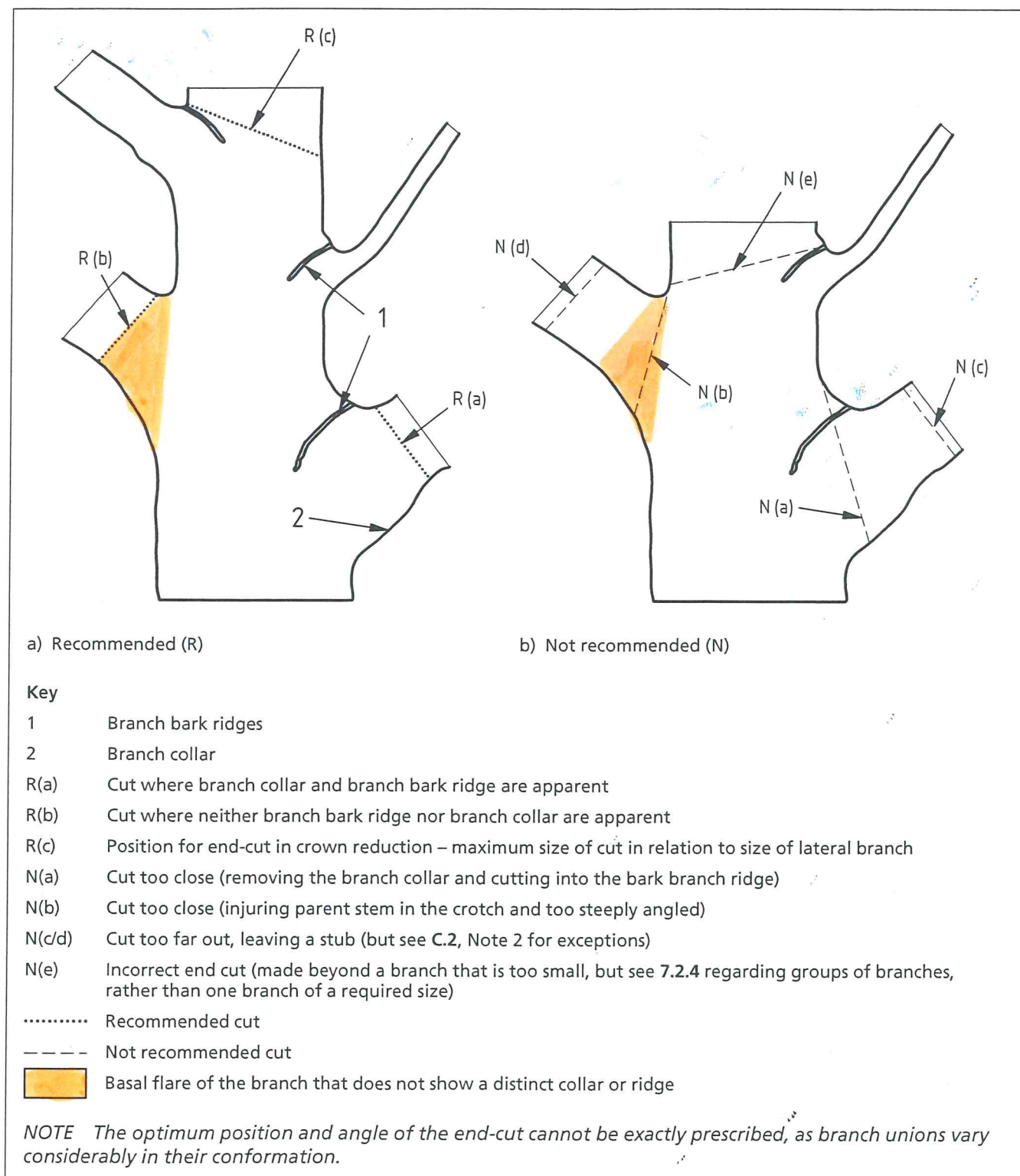


Figure 3 Crown lifting

