

Planning Officer: Zac Denton

Planning Application Ref: R/281/18/T

Location: 9 Preston Avenue, Rustington, BN16 2DE

Description of works: Crown lift of 1.5m to 1 No. Stone Pine tree and 5 No. Leylandii tree

Reasons Given: To facilitate neighbouring garage roof repair

Comments on Application:

Scots pine / *Pinus sylvestris*

Height: Approx.8m

Average spread:3m

Age class: Early mature

- The pine tree (T1) appears to be outwardly healthy and stable with a relatively unmodified and attractive crown profile.
- It appears to be in a fine physiological and structural state. It grows at the rear of the property and can be seen from neighbouring dwellings but has only limited visibility from publicly accessible land.
- The applicant suggests a temporary restraint of selected branches while roof work is underway; a far more acceptable response than wholesale branch pruning/removal to facilitate the same. The tree has visually interesting form but a relatively low ratio of foliage bearing limbs/branches to overall mass, so branch removal should be kept to an absolute minimum to avoid detriment to its ongoing health and vitality.
- The group of Leyland cypress (T2-T6) are not the subject of an Order and do not require consent from the local planning authority for the work now proposed.

Conclusions:

- If the work is undertaken to a high standard then it is unlikely to have an adverse effect on the tree's long-term vitality and visual amenity.
- The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds as it seeks to preserve the integrity of built structure with respect for natural tree form.
- There should be no significant loss of public amenity on completion of the proposed works.

Recommendations:

- I recommend **CONSENT** for this application, subject to the following conditions:

Conditions To Be Applied to Approved Work: -

- 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
- 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.*

Mark Warwick
Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team

Figure 3 Crown lifting

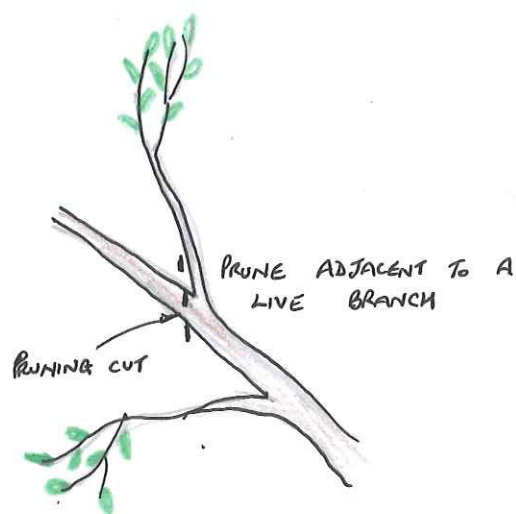
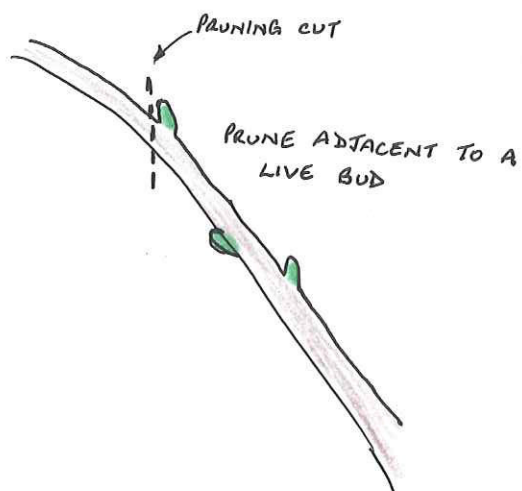
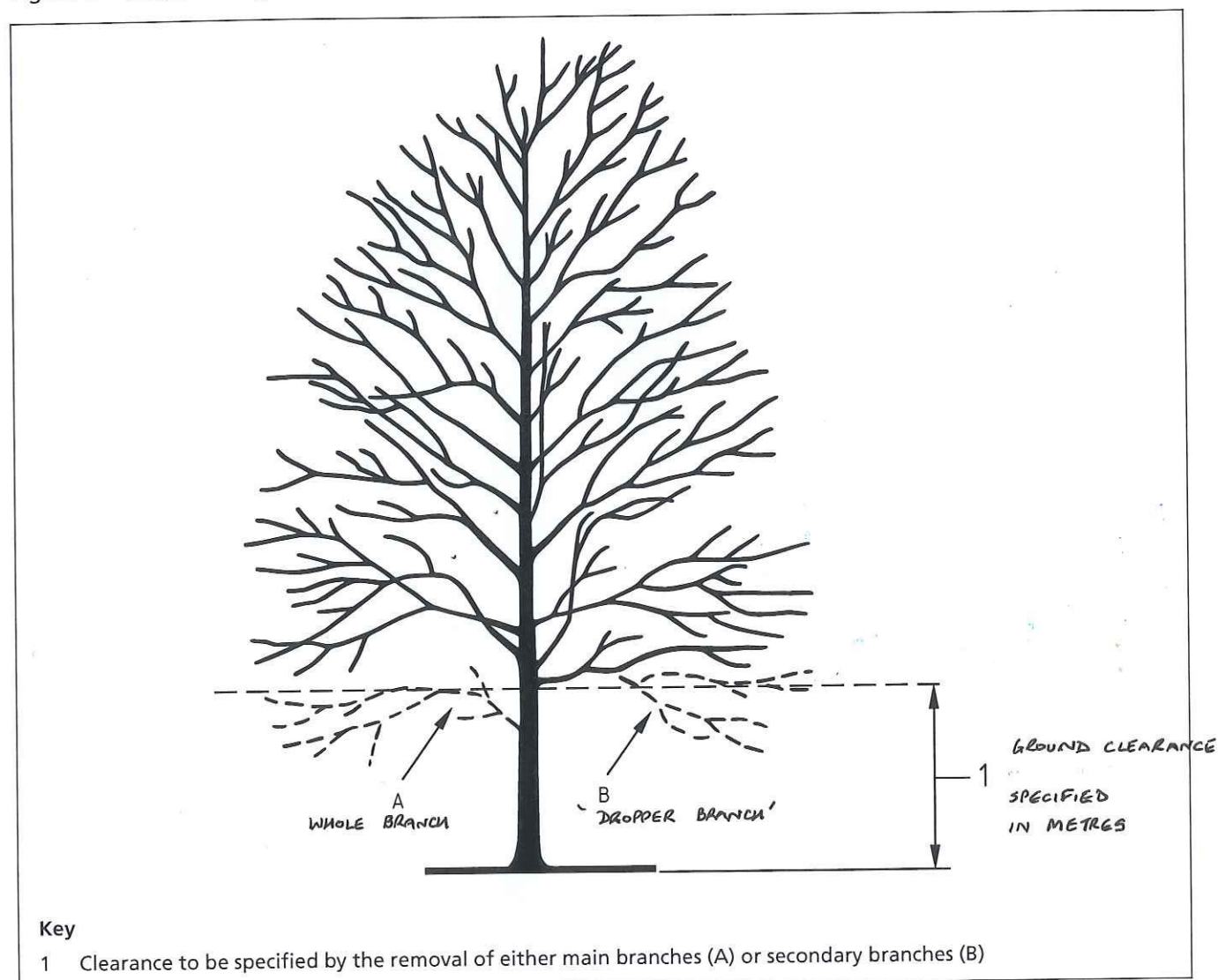


Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

