

Planning Officer: Lynnyrd Wolfe

Planning Application Ref: R/286/19/T

Location: Small woodland area in front of 1 West Preston Manor, Preston Paddock, Rustington, BN16 2AF

Description of works: Crown lift to achieve maximum 6m overhead clearance of carriageway and reduce back lateral spread on West aspect by a maximum of 2m to 2no. holm oak trees

Reasons Given: Encroachment into road and carriageway

Comments on Application:

T1 Holm oak / <i>Quercus ilex</i>	Approx. height: 12m	Average spread: 5m	Age class: Mature
T2 Holm oak / <i>Quercus ilex</i>	Approx. height: 20m	Average spread: 5m	Age class: Over-mature

- T1 – A multi-stemmed specimen of asymmetric form, seeking light by growing out across the road to escape the canopy spread of more dominant adjacent trees. It is prominent to users of the estate access road and is so low that it will soon become an impediment to the passage of high-sided vehicles. It appears outwardly and from a distance to be in a fine physiological state.
- T2 – One of three closely-spaced large and wide spreading trees, having long ago achieved root and crown cohesion such that they can and should be classified as a group. It is not clear which tree is the subject of this application. Management objectives are likely to be similar for all three trees, in the absence of any known significant structural defect or disease. They are prominent to users of the estate access road and their high canopy is visible from the public highway (footway and carriageway). They are slightly asymmetric in form with extensive high growth forming over the access road/carriageway.

Conclusions:

- There is a clear and necessary requirement to undertake pruning work on these holm oaks to ensure adequate overhead clearance above the carriageway (non-adopted highway).

Recommendations:

- I recommend **APPROVAL** for this application, subject to the following condition being applied:

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: To accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice in general.

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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

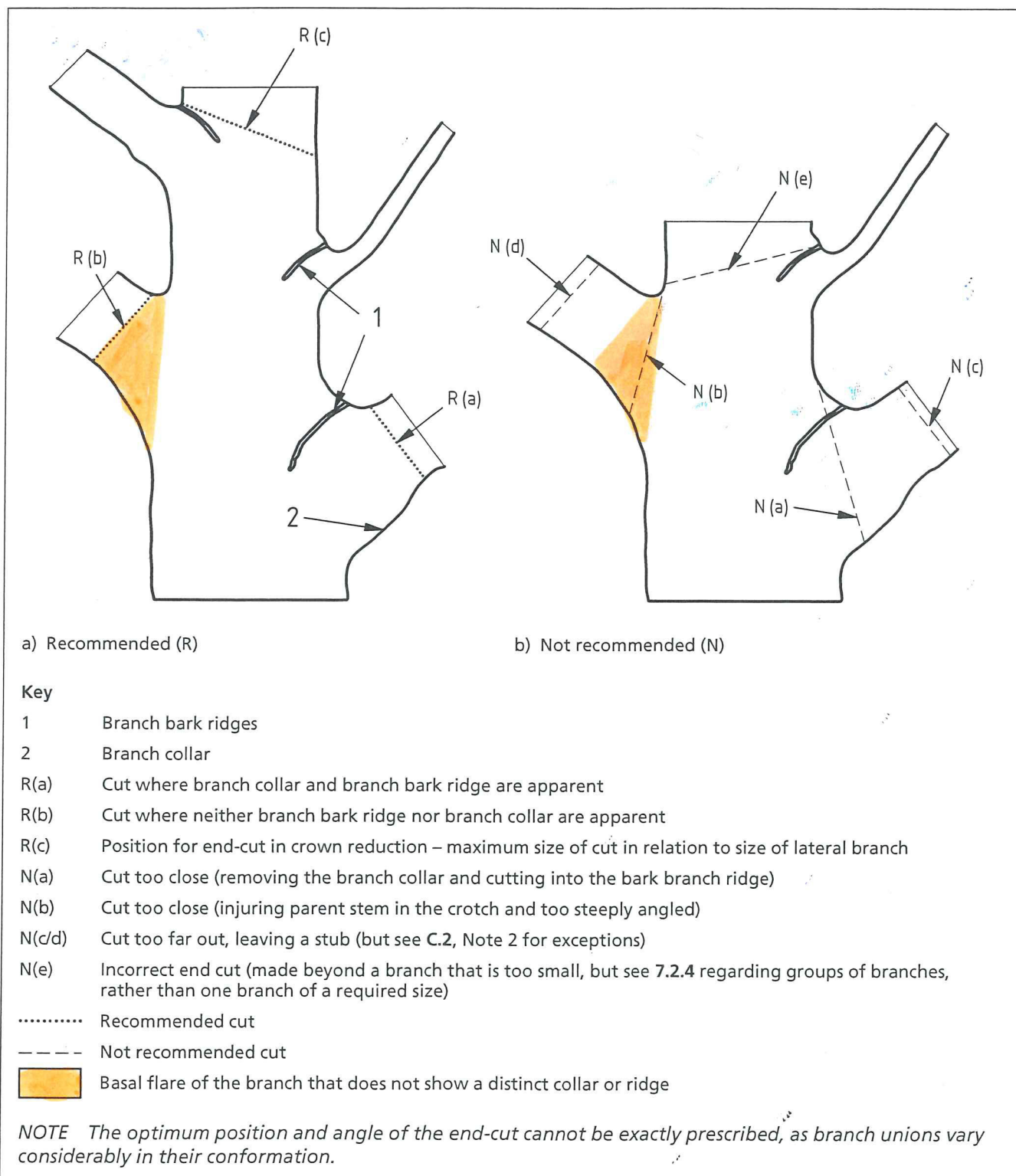


Figure 3 Crown lifting

