

CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date of inspection: 23rd April 2026

Case Officer: Jonny Cooper

Reference: R/50/26/T

Location: 1 Chestnut Cottages, 37 The Street, Rustington, BN16 3NU

Proposal: Removal of epicormic growth up to 5m from ground level on 2no. horse chestnut trees (T1). Crown reduction to 1no. olive tree (T2) to leave a height of 4m and spread of 3m.

Reasons: T1 – To improve sightlines

Comments on Application:

T1 are subjects of a preservation order – TPO/R/2/85, G5

T2 is not a subject of any Order but is within a conservation area.

T1 - 2x horse chestnut	Height: 10-15m	Average radial spread: 0-5m	Age class: Early mature
T2 - Olive / <i>Olea europaea</i>	Height: 0-5m	Radial spread: 0-5m	Age class: Semi mature

T1 These two trees make an important contribution to the street scene. There is evidence of past crown modification (e.g. pollarding, reduction of primary branches) but have grown on to present attractive profiles. They appear to be in good health.

The work proposed will involve the removal of secondary growth only, of relatively small diameter, which will be tolerated by the trees and incur no loss of amenity.

T2 I am satisfied this work will not result in harm to the character or appearance of the conservation area. It is not of sufficient merit to be a suitable candidate for preservation.

Conclusions:

T1 - The proposed work has been justified on arboricultural grounds and will not incur harm to the tree or loss of visual amenity.

T2 - I raise No Objection and see no reason to make a Tree Preservation Order.

Recommendation:

We grant consent for this application subject to the following condition:

Condition 1 (applies to T1 only)

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) All pruning cuts shall not exceed 50mm in diameter.

Reasons: In the interests of the trees' continued health and vitality and to accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice.

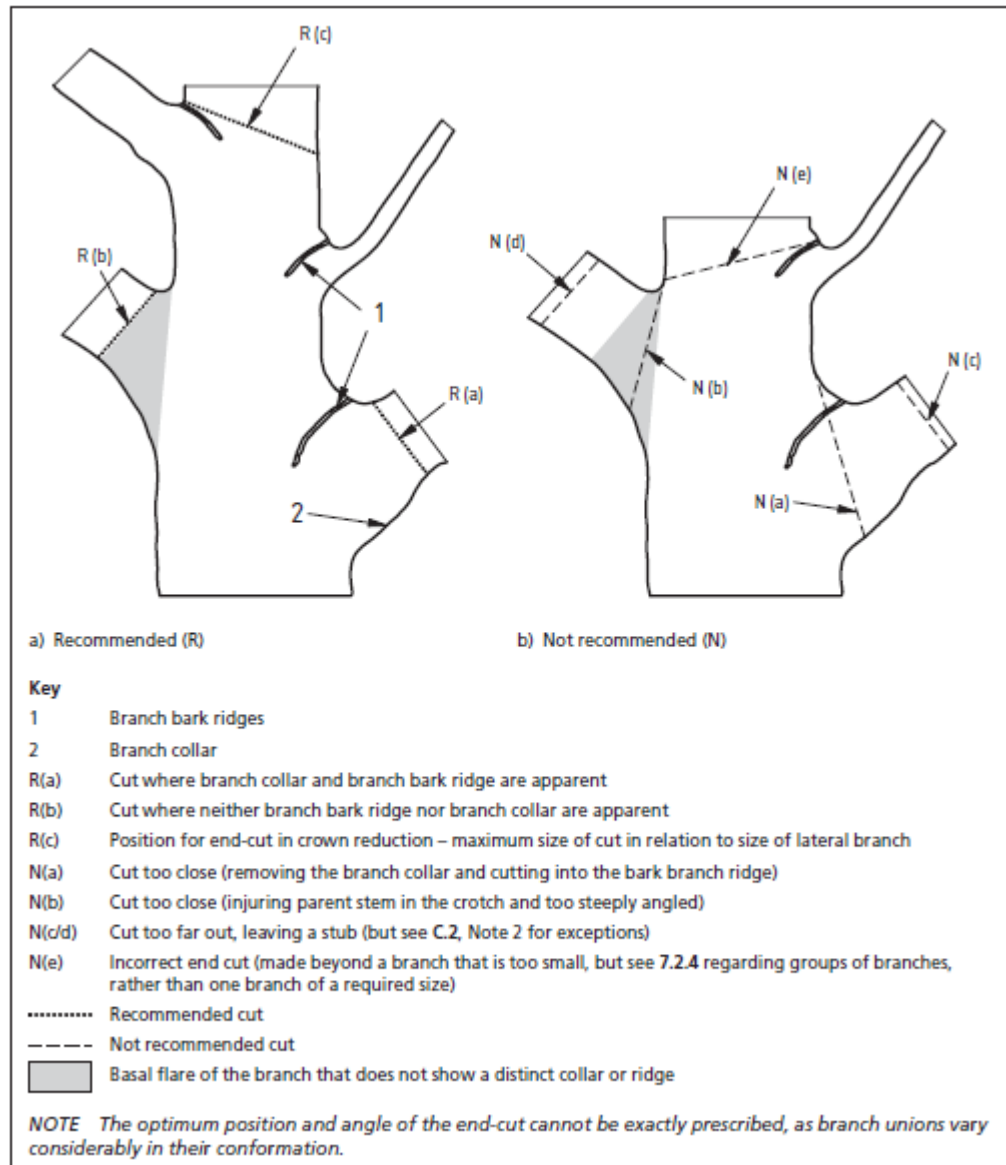
- See also the standard pruning guidance notes issued with the consent letter

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Tree Officer

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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts



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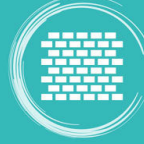
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Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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