

CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date of inspection: 16th July 2026

Case Officer: Jonny Cooper

Reference: R/92/26/T

Location: Copthorne Cottage, 4 Preston Avenue, Rustington, BN16 2DB

Proposal: Crown reduction to 1no. Cedar (Deodar) (T1) to leave an easterly spread of 5m and to achieve long-term clearance of building but not exceeding 2m.

Reasons: To achieve long-term clearance of dwelling and abatement of nuisance to neighbour.

Comments on Application:

Himalayan cedar / *Cedrus deodara* Height: 10-15m Radial spread: 5-10m Age class: Early mature

This tree appears to be outwardly healthy and stable with a relatively unmodified and attractive crown profile. It gives the impression of being slightly stunted in the upper crown, a probable consequence of it attaining height above the house and from exposure to prevailing coastal winds.

T1 grows at the front of the property and dominates the garden. It has moderate-high growth potential and so could become oppressive for occupier(s) of the dwelling if crown spread is not carefully managed. Cedar trees do not produce new shoots from old wood and so should only be pruned lightly, therefore early intervention is desirable.

T1 is visually impressive from outward facing aspects and seen from numerous surrounding properties and to traffic accessing/exiting this part of the estate. As such, it has high amenity value.

Conclusions:

The proposed work is justified on arboricultural grounds. Only small diameter branches will be pruned to fulfil the proposal, so there ought not to be any harm incurred to tree health or loss of visual amenity.

Recommendation:

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 interest of the tree's continued health and vitality and to accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice.

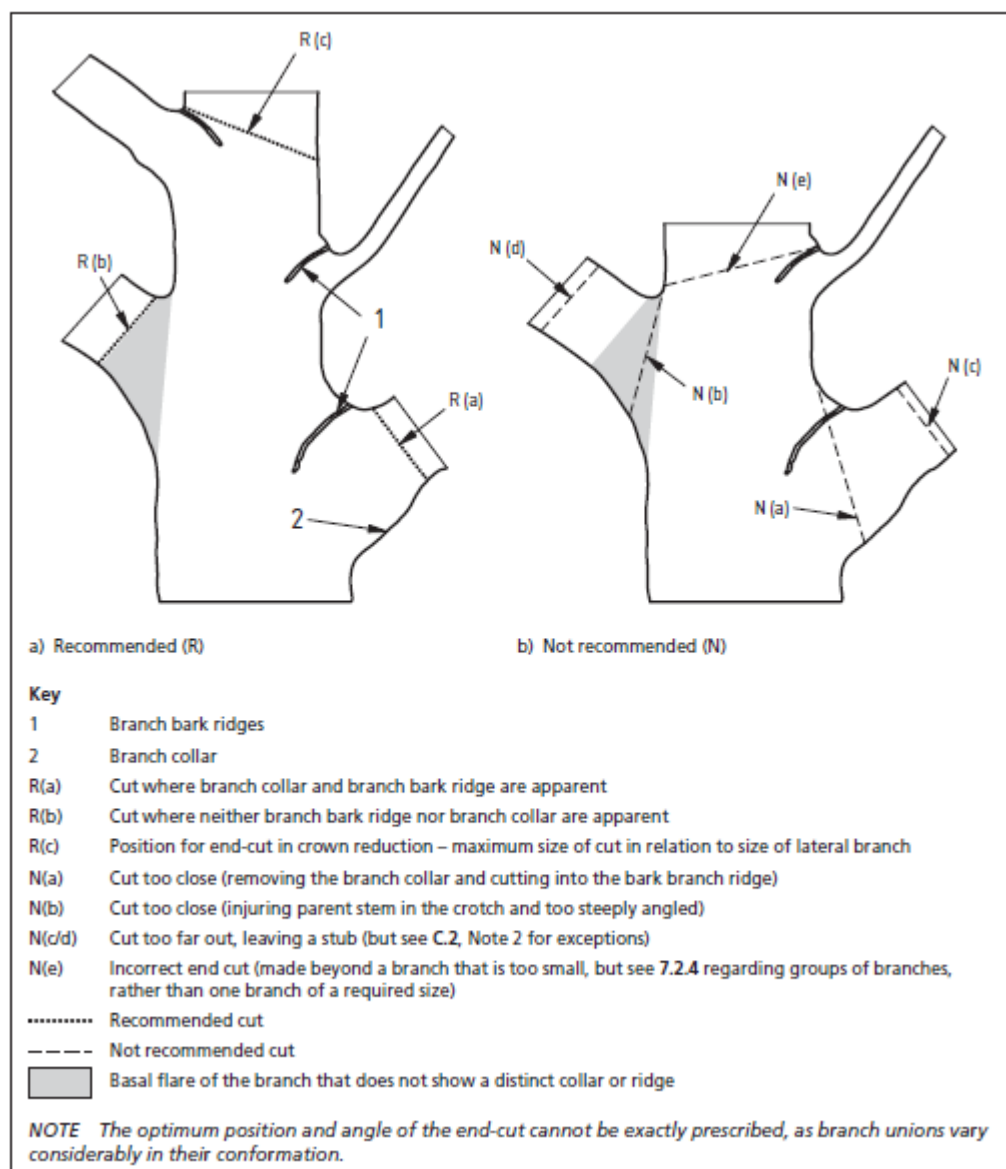
- See also the standard pruning guidance notes issued with the consent letter

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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts



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Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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