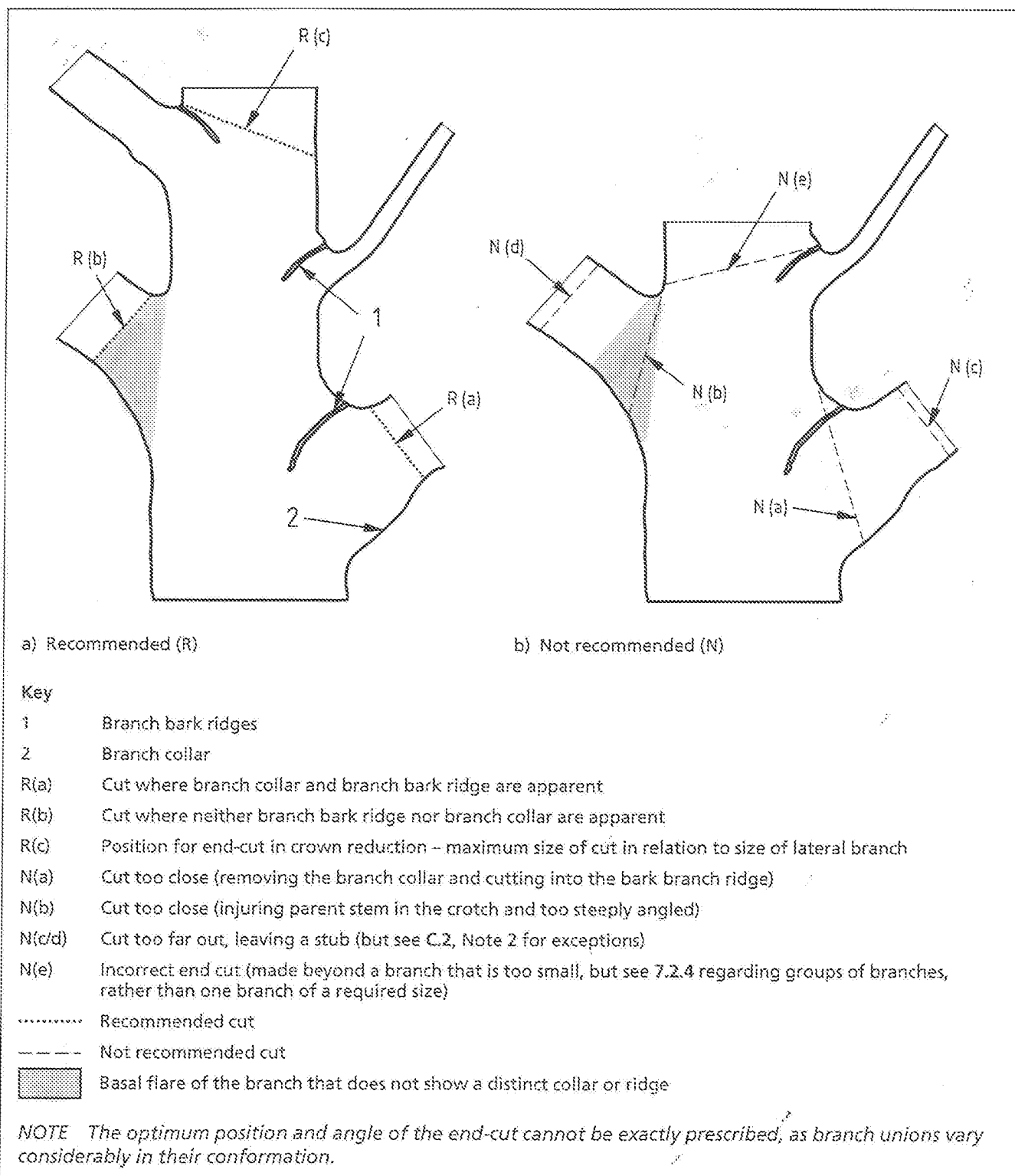


Figure 2 Positions of final cuts



Planning Officer: Charlotte Easton

Planning Application Ref: WA/109/18/T

Location: Willow Tree Cottage, The Street, Walberton, BN18 0PH

Description of works: Crown reduction 1m and crown thin 10% to 1 No. beech tree. Re-pollard 1 No. willow tree

Reasons Given: None provided

Comments on Application:

T1 Beech / *Fagus sylvatica* Height: Approx. 10m Average spread: 4m Age class: Mature

T2 Golden weeping willow / *Salix x sepulcralis Chrysocoma* Height: Approx. 8m Average spread: 3m Age class: Mature

- Outwardly and from a distance these trees appear to be in a fine physiological state. They grow at the front of the property and can be seen from neighbouring dwelling and are especially prominent roadside, making a valuable if limited contribution to the street-scene.
- Both have undergone significant crown modification, having been the subject of regular reduction/re-pollarding work resulting in a dense, compact form.

Conclusions:

- If the work is undertaken to a good standard and at the right time; then it is unlikely to have an adverse effect on the tree's long-term vitality and visual amenity.
- The proposal to reduce its overall height and spread with a view to restricting its growth is justified and consistent with previous works approved by the Local Planning Authority.
- There will 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.
- The removal of crown material which has developed since the last operation must be done sympathetically and with respect to established 'knuckles' so as not to extend beyond the point of origin.
- The long-term vitality of these trees is best respected when significant pruning work such as proposed, is undertaken during the late-spring to summer period (May to August). The work proposed must only be undertaken during these periods.

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