

Planning Officer: Harry Chalk

Planning Application Ref: WA/109/21/T

Location: Walberton Park, The Street, Walberton, BN18 0PJ

Description of works: 1no. English oak tree (T1) - crown lift to 4.5m above ground level and
13no. lime trees (G1) - crown lift to 5m above ground level

Reasons given: Abatement of nuisance and to increase light level for dwellings

Comments on Application:

G1 Lime (x13) / *Tilia x europaea* Height: 20-25m Radial spread: 0-5m Age class: Mature

T1 Pedunculate oak / *Quercus robur* Height: 20-25m Radial spread: 5-10m Age class: Mature

- Outwardly these trees appear to be in a fine or fair physiological state and assumed to be so in the absence of any evidence provided to the contrary. Assessment of the trees' (G1) condition is restricted by long-established basal growth.
- The applicant has employed Beechdown Arboriculture Ltd as agent to prepare the application. This is comprehensive and includes detailed work specification with satisfactory reasons given.

Conclusions:

- The work proposed is justified on arboricultural grounds. These are high profile specimen trees of significant public and visual amenity and are to be carefully pruned to maintain reasonable enjoyment of residential property, with respect for natural tree form.
- There should be no loss of public amenity on completion of the proposed works.

Recommendation:

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

Conditions to Be Applied to Approved Work: -

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 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***

Condition 2 (G1 only)

The removal of epicormic growth arising from around the main stem is likely to be required annually to maintain a maximum of 5metres overhead clearance on all aspects, and throughout the trees' lifespan. Such work, if restricted to small diameter branches (<50mm) would not be detrimental to their ongoing health and vitality. Further applications for the pruning work as described within this condition, will not be necessary provided the applicant gives 5working days' notice to this authority before undertaking and ensures that such work also meets the requirements of Condition 1.

Reasons: To enable the annual pruning of prolific low growth to be undertaken without need to gain prior consent from the local planning authority and to ensure such work accords with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice.

Mark Warwick
Tree Officer / Parks and Greenspace Team

Figure 3 Crown lifting

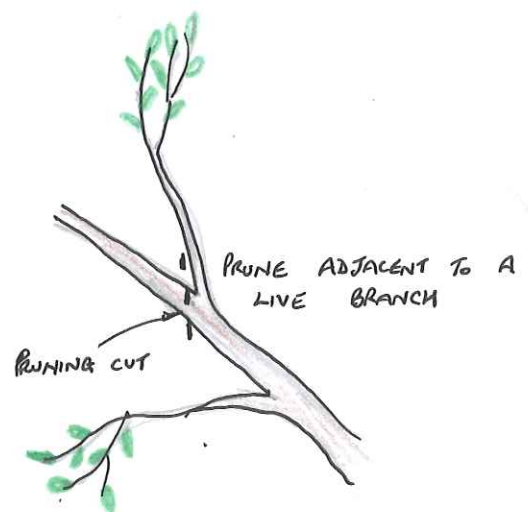
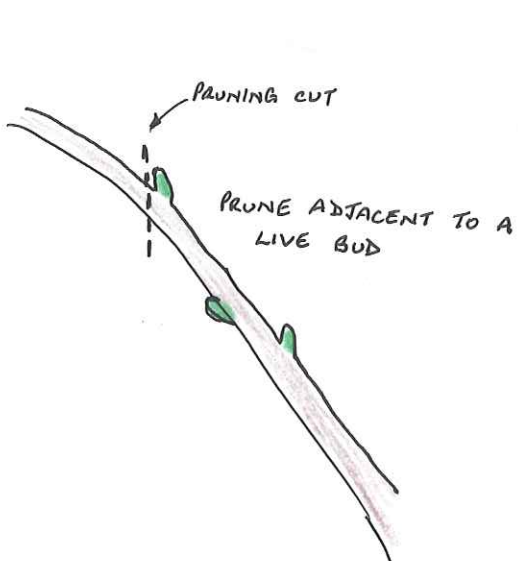
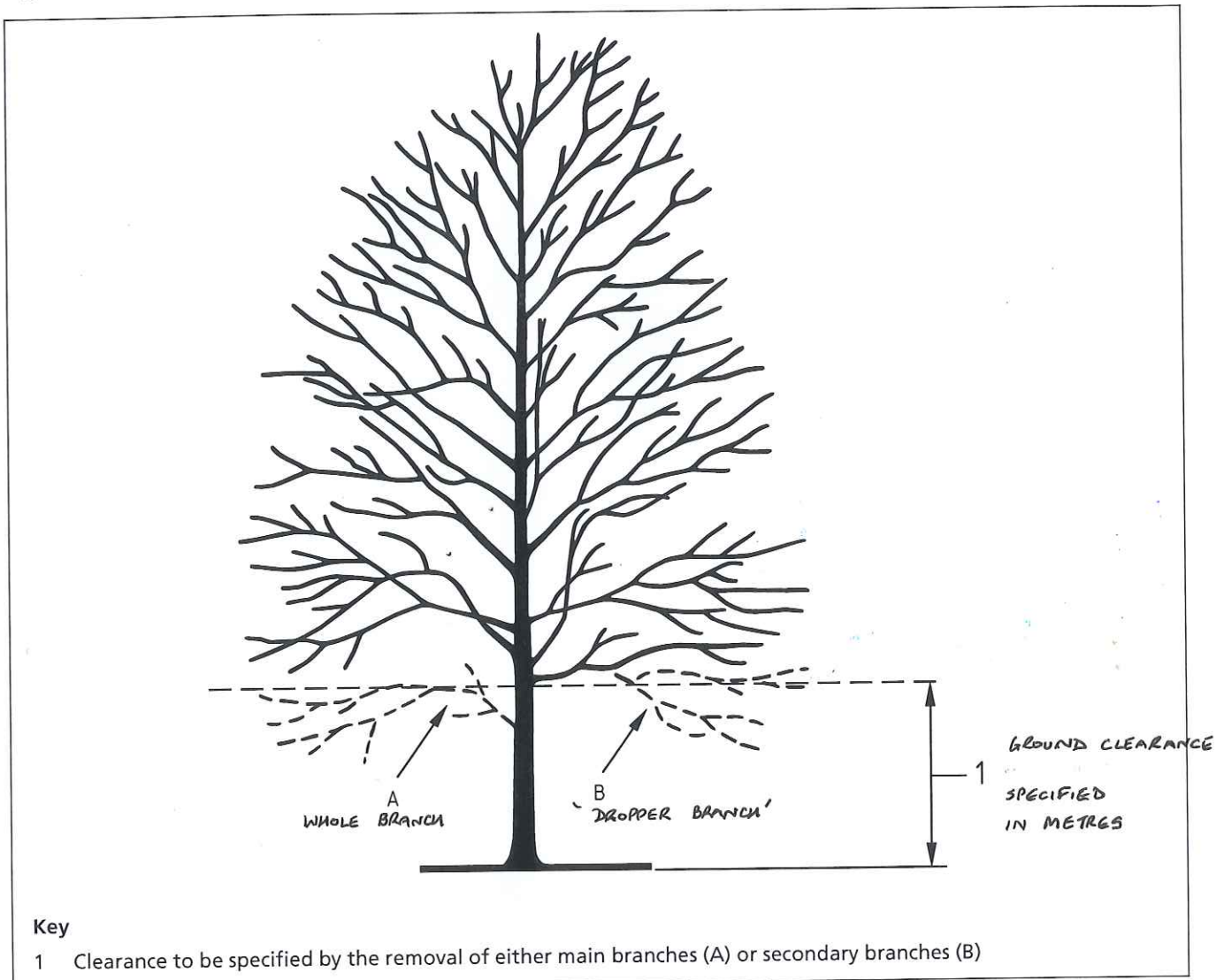


Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

