

CONSULTEE RESPONSE (Council's Arboriculturist)

Date of inspection: 17th July 2026

Case Officer: Silvie Steiningerova
Reference: WA/52/26/T
Location: 17 Orchard Way, Fontwell, BN18 0SH
Proposal: Crown lift to 3.5 to 4m all around by removing limbs no more than 180mm in diameter to 1no. mature beech tree.
Reason: None given

Comments on Application:

T1 Beech / *Fagus sylvatica* Height: 10-15m Radial spread: 5-10m Age class: Early mature

This tree appears to be in a fair physiological state with good form. It is prominent in the neighbourhood with an attractive crown profile.

Low branches are established and becoming problematic for driveway users. Early intervention is important to reduce the size of inevitable pruning wounds.

The proposed work will achieve long-term clearance by providing a maximum of four metres overhead clearance on all aspects. There will be no alteration of crown height or spread and accords with the requirements of British Standard 3998:2010 Tree work – Recommendations.

Conclusions:

The proposed work is justified on arboricultural grounds and will not incur undue harm to the tree 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.

Part c) All pruning cuts shall not exceed 180mm in diameter.

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

Mark Warwick

Principal Tree Officer

Environment and Climate Change

Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

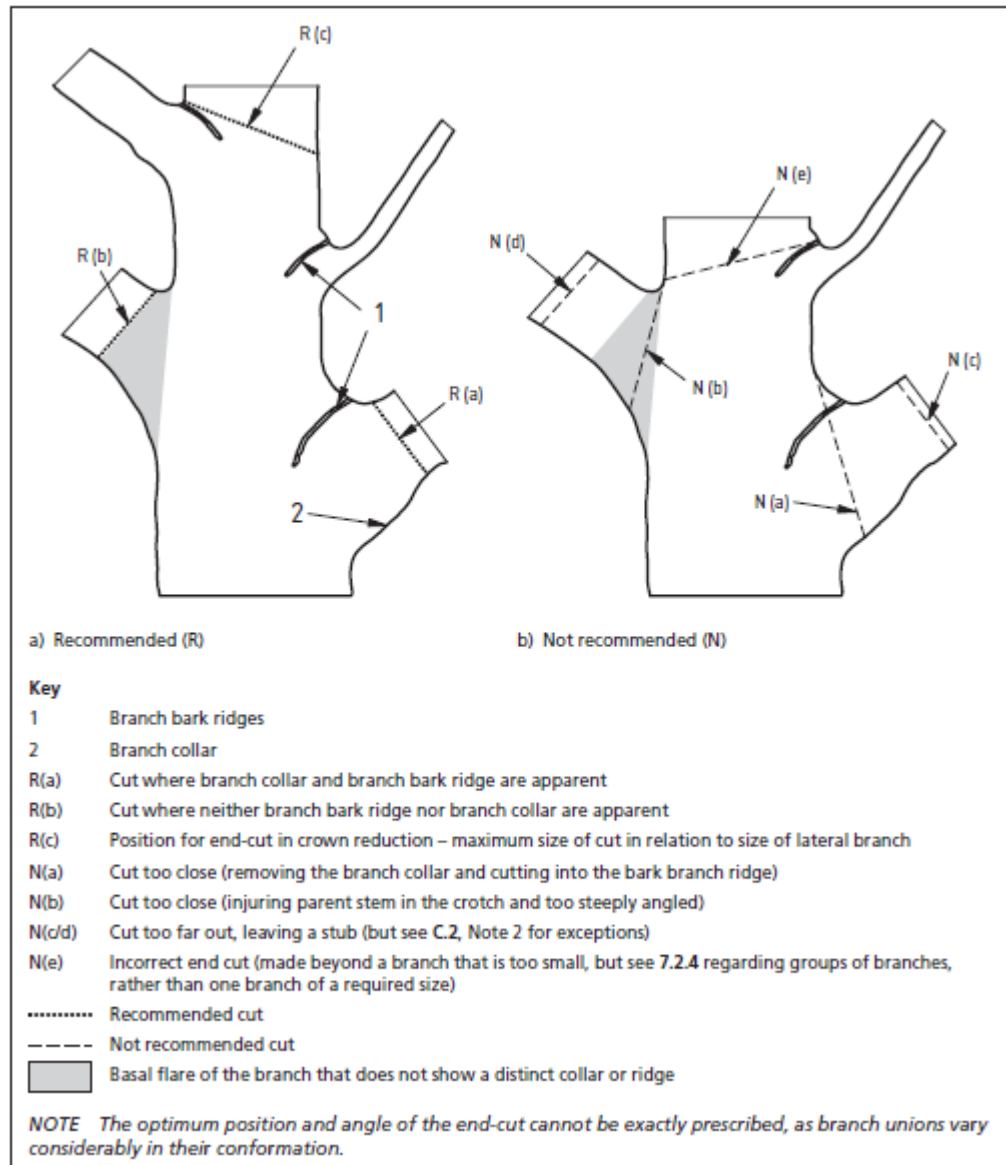
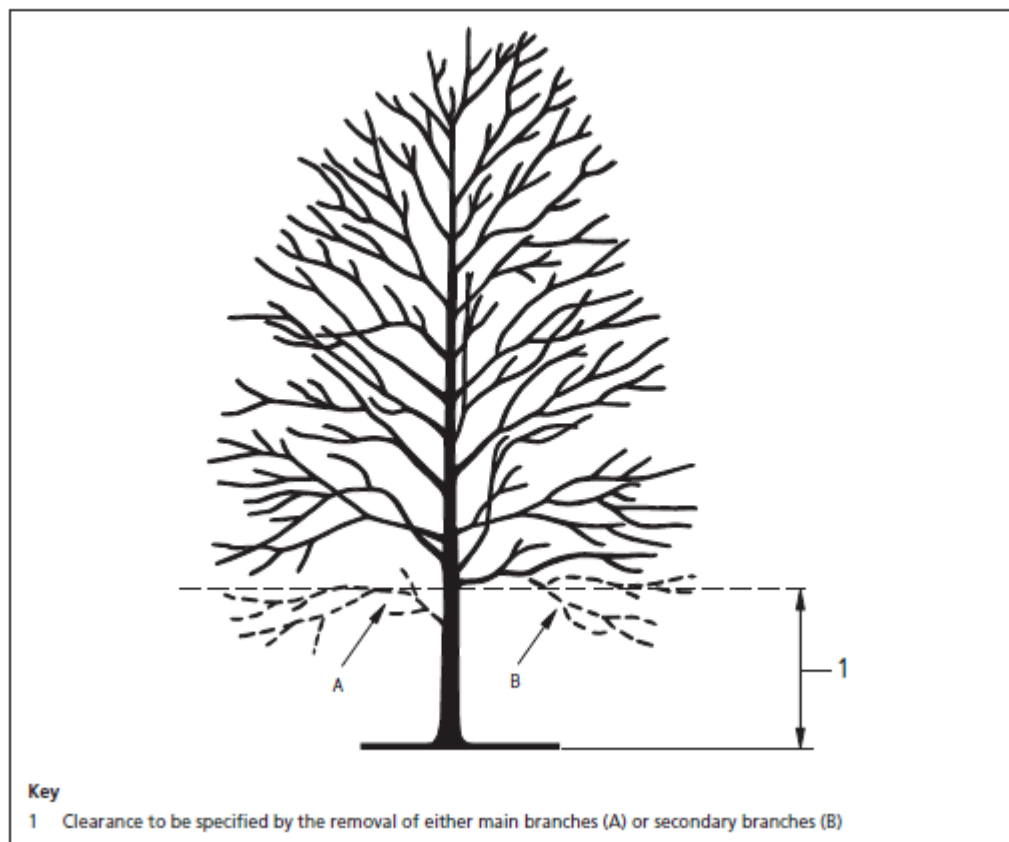
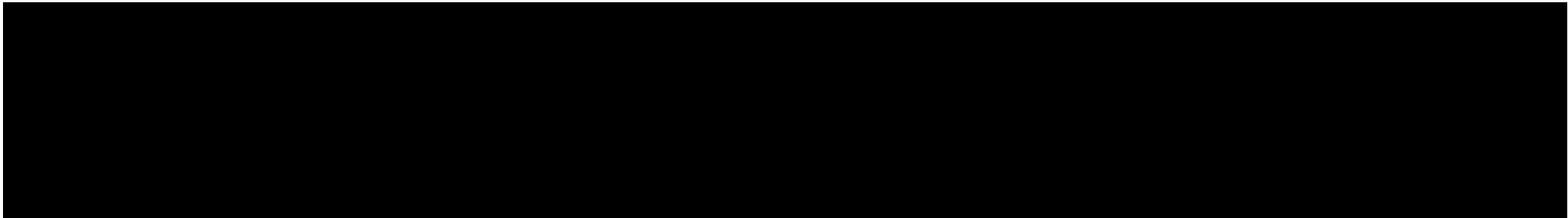


Figure 3 Crown lifting





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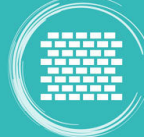
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Please find attached my report for your consideration.

Regards,

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