

ADC PARKS & GREENSPACE ARBORICULTURE

FROM: Dafydd Lloyd

TO: Simon Davies

PLANNING APPLICATION: Y/50/15/HH

ADDRESS: Meadow Cottage, Hoe Lane, Flansham, PO22 8NT

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Two storey side extension to existing cottage

INSPECTION DATE: 27/07/2015

RECOMMENDATION:

Objection ☐ No Objection ☒ Split Decision ☐

Comment ☒ Recommendation ☒ Suggested Conditions ☐

Tree Replacement ☐ **Dead/Dangerous** ☐ CA & Amenity Value ☐

Comments:

- This application refers the erection of a two story extension to the north western corner of the stated dwelling. From the submitted application this proposed extension does appear to require the removal of a number of shrubs. These shrubs are not suitable for TPO orders (due to their given stem diameters being too small to be assessed for protection). The applicant has indicated on the submitted application no intention of felling any of the established trees on site to facilitate the proposed extension.
- The other trees that may be affected by this extension are located are located in linear belt along the southern boundary of the site. From the site inspection it is clear that the established trees have had previous reductions. These reductions appear to be of a 'topping' practise – which is not an action that is undertaken currently, as it does contravene the BS 3998:2010. This practise has also devalued the aesthetic value offered by this linear belt and is also likely to have reduced the expected lifespan of these trees, as failures of major limbs is more common.
- **For the duration of this development the installation of ground protection to protect the southern belt of trees Root protection area (RPA) should be used. This ground protection is used to prevent compaction and or spillages occurring in the given RPA areas.**

Recommendation:

- **I would have no objection to the proposed development, provided the following conditions are met;**

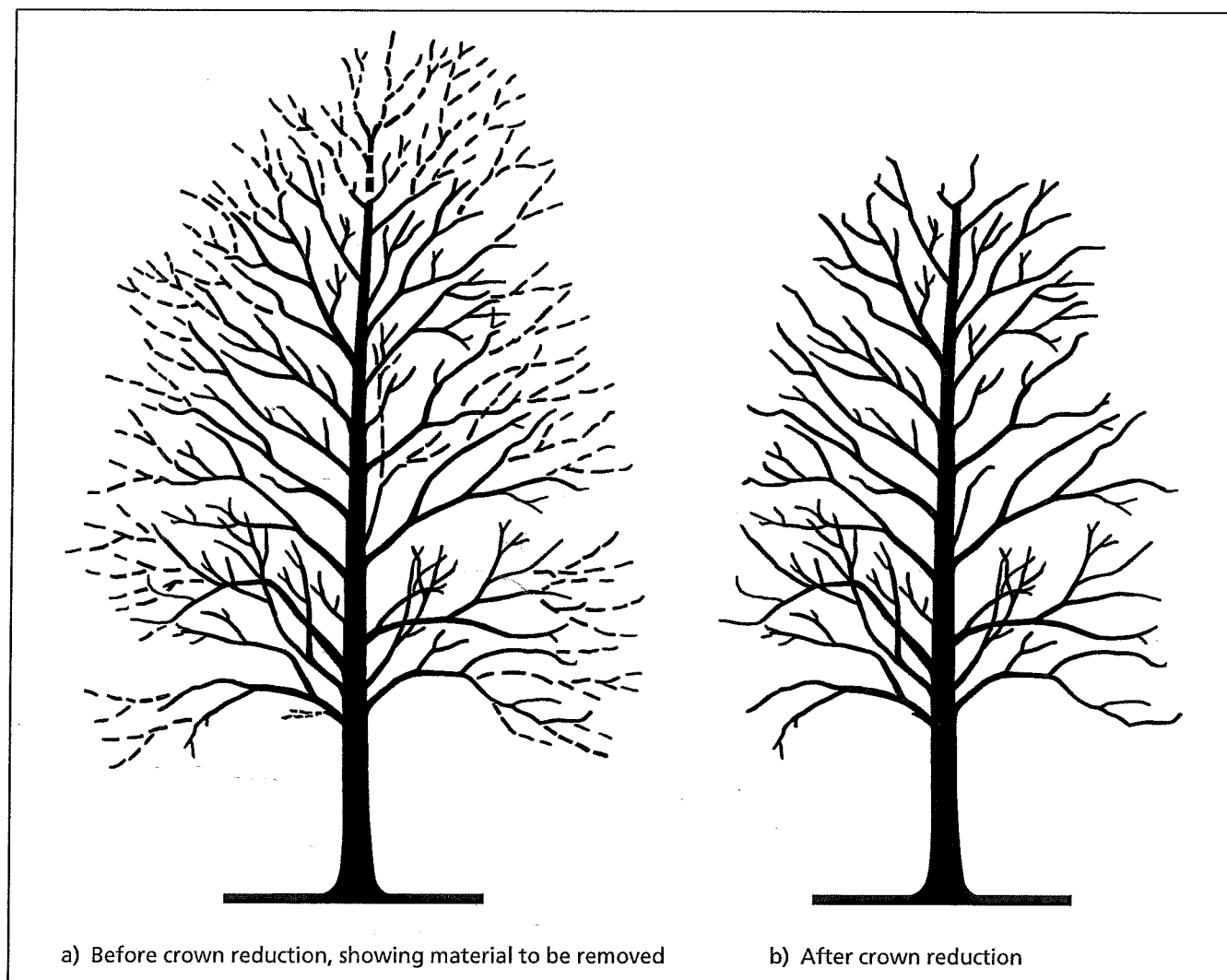
Conditions:

- **A method statement outlying the position and type of the BS 5837 standard RPA protection is required.**
- **Once the protective measures have been installed, the Local planning authority arboricultural officer must be contacted to ensure the measures is correctly placed. This mitigation must be kept in place for the duration of the development works.**

**Dafydd Lloyd
Arun District Council
Tree Officer**

When specifying crown reduction and/or reshaping to create clearance from another structure or tree (see 7.8 and 7.9), the points between which the clearance will be measured should be stated.

Figure 4 Diagrammatic illustration of crown reduction



7.7.3 Follow-up work after crown reduction or reshaping

Following crown reduction or reshaping, the crown should generally be managed in accordance with one of the following objectives:

- to continue a phased programme of further crown reduction (see also Annex C);
- to maintain the reduced crown as a framework for cyclic management, whereby the new branches are periodically cut back close to their points of origin (as in pollarding; see 7.10);
- to establish a new framework by "shoot renewal pruning", so that the crown attains a relatively natural appearance but remains smaller than before the reduction or reshaping.

To achieve the last of the above objectives, the new branches should be tip-pruned and thinned so as to encourage the growth of secondary branches, which should in turn be pruned and thinned as required to maintain the desired shape, size and density of crown.

Figure 2 Positions of final cuts

