

ADC PARKS & GREENSPACE ARBORICULTURE

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TO: Ross Leal

PLANNING APPLICATION: Y/80/15/T

ADDRESS: Little Oaks Bilsham Road Yapton BN18 0JB

BRIEF DESCRIPTION: Various surgeries to 1 No Common Oak

INSPECTION DATE: 26/11/2015

RECOMMENDATION:

Objection ☐ No Objection ☒ Split Decision ☐

Comment ☒ Recommendation ☒ Suggested Conditions ☒

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

T1 Species: Oak *Quercus spp* **Height:** 12 meters **Average Branch Spread:** 7 meters **Crown Condition:** fair **Form:** fair **Age Class:** mature

Comments:

- The tree cited in this application is located in the front garden of Little Oaks, Bilsham Road, Yapton. The outlined tree is subject to a TPO order.
- The applicant has applied to reduce **T1** by 2 meters. From the site inspection it is evident that **T1** has had a previous reduction that does emulate the proposed reduction of 2 meters.
- According to the BS 3998 section 7.7.3, 'follow-up work after crown reduction 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'. This does mean the recommended management for these trees would be to adhere to the regime of pruning that has already been initiated.

Recommendation:

- I would have no objection to the proposed operation of a crown reduction of no more than 2 meters to **T1** to the established pruning points.

- The following conditions must be adhered to when completing the proposed pruning operation;

Condition:

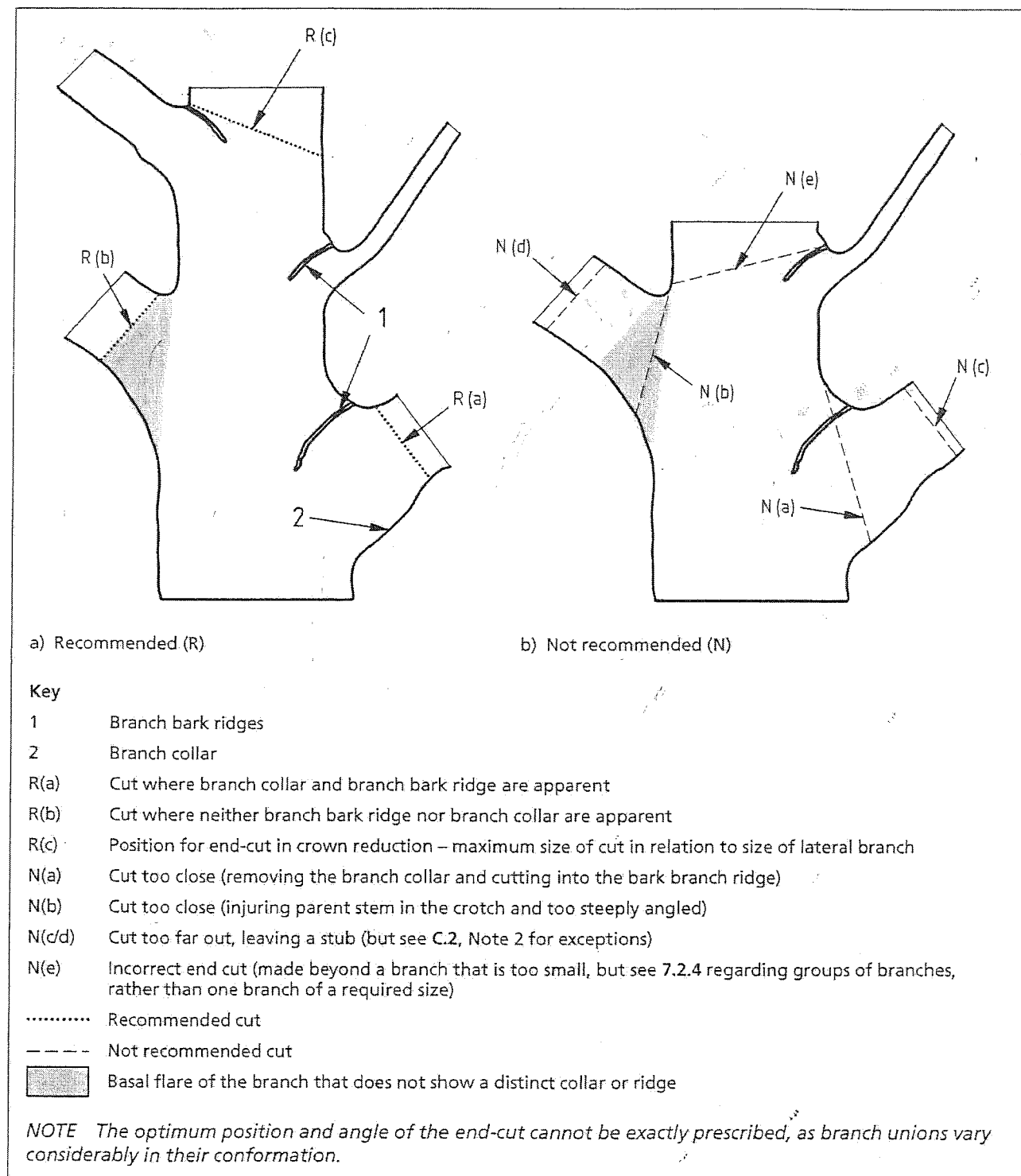
Crown Reduction

All side branches to be retained should be at least **1/3rd** in diameter of the removed branch. Pruning cuts must be flat and smooth, kept as small as possible by cutting at an optimum angle and should not exceed **100mm** in diameter.

REASON: In the interests of the trees continued health and vitality and to accord with current industry guidelines and sound arboricultural practice.

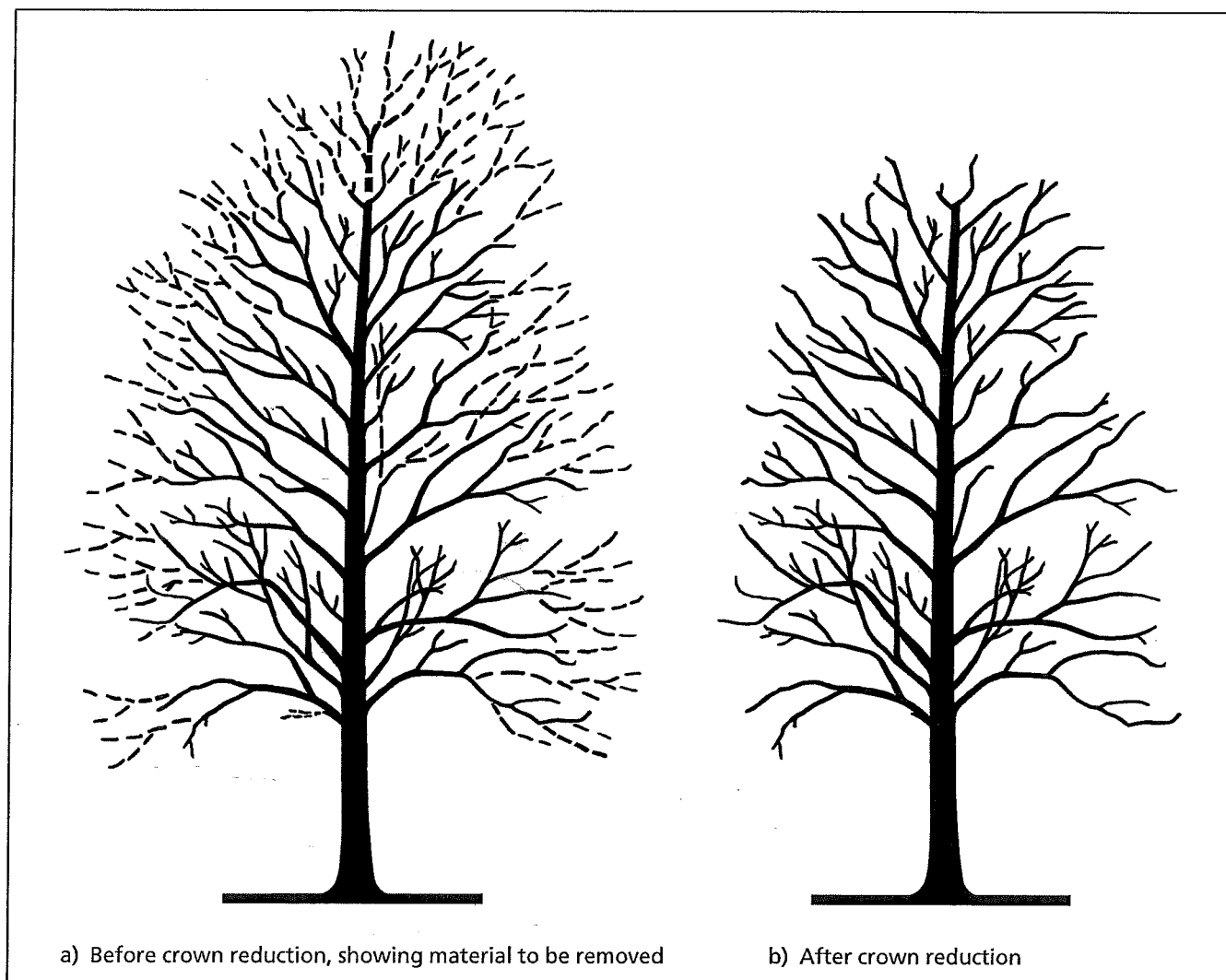
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Figure 2 Positions of final cuts



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.