

Table B.1 Management objectives and commonly applied pruning options

Management objectives		Pruning options and related subclauses/annexes									Habitat enhancement/ maintenance (Annex C)
		Pruning of selected branches or stems				General pruning of the tree					
		Reducing leverage (7.3.2/7.8/C.2)	Removing individual dead, defective or diseased parts (7.3.2/7.5/7.8)	Removing/shortening obstructive branches ^{A)} (7.4/7.6/7.8/7.9)	Formative pruning (7.4)	Crown thinning (7.5)	Crown lifting (7.4/7.6)	Cyclic cutting of established trees (7.5/7.7/7.9 to 7.11/12.3.2)	Crown reduction/reshaping/pollarding (7.7/7.9/7.10/C.1/C.4.1)	Phased retrenchment) pruning of lapsed pollards/orchard trees (7.7/C.1/C.2)	
To maintain health or longevity by means of:	good structural integrity	***	***	—	**	X	X	***	***	***	X
	disease or pest control	—	**	—	—	**	**	**	—	—	—
To protect people or property from:	tree failure	***	***	—	***	**	X	***	***	**	X
	storm-damaged branches	*	***	—	—	X	X	X	**	X	—
	subsidence of land	—	—	—	**	X	X	***	***	X	—
To prevent interference between trees and infrastructure, in particular:	roads, paths, railways, waterways and signage	—	—	***	***	X	***	***	**	X	—
	aircraft flight paths	—	—	—	***	—	—	***	***	—	—
	overhead cables and supporting structures	—	—	***	***	X	***	***	**	X	—
	aerials and signals ^{B)}	—	—	***	***	**	**	***	***	X	—
	buildings	—	—	***	***	X	**	***	*	—	—
To conserve:	deadwood habitats ^{C)}	*	*	—	*	—	—	**	**	***	**
	other habitats	—	*	—	*	**	**	**	*	**	—
To manage:	light and shade	—	—	***	***	***	***	***	***	—	—
	visual amenity	—	—	**	***	**	**	**	*	—	*
To produce:	fruit	—	*	*	***	**	*	**	***	*	—
	wood or other products	*	*	*	***	X	***	**	*	X	X

Key

***	Often appropriate	X	Inappropriate
**	Occasionally appropriate	—	Not applicable
*	Done mainly for other reasons but of indirect value		

^{A)} Including branches that are shedding unwanted fruit or foliage, etc.

^{B)} There is no legal right to a telecommunications signal over a third party's land.

^{C)} The objective of conserving deadwood habitats can apply at any site. It is particularly relevant at sites where such habitats have existed continuously by virtue of the presence of ancient veteran trees (see *Ancient and other veteran trees: Further guidance on management* [36], which is in preparation at the time of publication of this British Standard).