

Specifications for tree works:- extracts from BS3998:2010 Tree Work – Recommendations.

Crown thinning – should be specified as a percentage (to a maximum of 30%) of the crown to be removed to leave an even density of foliage throughout the crown. Material should be removed systematically from throughout the crown rather than from the inner crown only.

Crown lifting – is pruning to achieve a desired vertical clearance above ground level and should be specified as a height in metres. Crown lifting should be avoided or minimized in mature trees. The removal of secondary branches or branch shortening is preferable to removing branches to the stem.

Crown reduction – should be specified giving the final dimensions once the reduction is completed. For example a reduction to leave a height of 10 metres and radial spread of 5 metres.

Re-shaping – the reduction of height and or spread of part or parts of the crown. Again there should be specific details of either final length of branch or length of branch to be removed, with reference to the cardinal points.

Please note these are extracts that should help to inform work specifications. The detail within BS3998:2010 will further assist in tree work applications.