

Independent Tree Panel for Sheffield

Simon Green
Executive Director of Place
Sheffield City Council

By email

22 July 2016

Dear Simon

Glentilt Road

The Independent Tree Panel has reviewed the City Council's plans for seven trees on Glentilt Road. We have taken into the account the technical information provided by the Council and the concerns raised by residents in their response to the household survey. We inspected the trees on 24 June 2016 and 11 July 2016. We have referred to the engineering solutions, as presented to the Highway Tree Advisory Forum on 2 September [2015] which are referred to in section 3.2 of the Streets Ahead Five Year Management Strategy 2012 – 2017 dated January 2016.

Household survey

There are 37 households on the street. Eight responded to the household survey, of which four objected to the proposed removal and replacement of the trees.

Trees which may be diseased or damaged

The trees opposite numbers 1 and 5, and outside number 20 have all been previously topped, and may be in a poor condition which would justify removal and replacement. However, ground level inspection could not verify this, and we therefore advise the Council to consider whether an aerial inspection could be undertaken to confirm the condition of the trees. If the trees are confirmed to be in a poor condition, we advise that they should be removed and replaced.

Trees which are healthy

The remaining four trees are in good condition and have good life expectancy. We advise that there is no arboricultural need to remove these trees.

We have therefore considered whether there are engineering solutions that would prevent the need for removal and replacement of these trees.

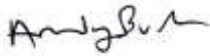
The tree outside 24 is causing significant damage to the pavement, kerb and carriageway, and may lead to damage to an adjacent gully. Further investigation by way of excavation would be required to determine whether this damage can be resolved. We advise that the Council could

consider this, but recognise that the extent of the damage may lead the Council to proceed with removing and replacing this tree.

The tree outside number 8 causing some damage to the kerb. We consider that engineering solutions 5 and 7 would enable this tree to be retained. We advise the Council to consider this.

The trees outside numbers 1 and 33 are causing some damage to the kerb. We consider that engineering solutions 1, 5 and 7 would enable these tree to be retained. We advise the Council to consider this.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andy Buck', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Andy Buck
Chair

Copy:
Andrew Walshaw
Independent Tree Panel members