

Independent Tree Panel for Sheffield

Simon Green
Executive Director of Place
Sheffield City Council

By email

22 July 2016

Dear Simon

Ladysmith Avenue

The Independent Tree Panel has reviewed the City Council's plans for 10 trees on Ladysmith Avenue. 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 29 households on the street. 11 responded to the household survey, of which 10 objected to the proposed removal and replacement of the trees.

Trees which are healthy

The 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 the trees.

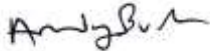
The tree outside 14 has extensive root growth in the carriageway, which presents a hazard to vehicles and potential damage. We do not believe there to be engineering solutions that would readily resolve these problems and therefore advise that this would justify the removal and replacement of this tree.

The trees to the side of 19 Barkers Road, 1st tree on street, and adjacent to the rear of 19 Barkers Road (level with wooden gate to number 19) have extensive root growth in the carriageway, which presents a hazard to vehicles and potential damage to utilities. We do not believe there to be engineering solutions that would readily resolve these problems and therefore advise that this would justify the removal and replacement of these trees.

The tree adjacent to the side of 17 Barkers Road (just below sub-station) has significant buttress root extending into the carriageway. We advise that the extent of this damage would justify the removal and replacement of this tree.

The trees opposite numbers 5, 7 and 11, and outside numbers 15 and 26 are all causing some damage to pavement and/or kerbs. We believe that it may be possible to retain these trees using engineering solutions, including 1, 3, 5, 7, 8 and 10. We therefore 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