

# Independent Tree Panel for Sheffield

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Simon Green  
Executive Director of Place  
Sheffield City Council

By email

22 July 2016

Dear Simon

## **Brincliffe Gardens**

The Independent Tree Panel has reviewed the City Council's plans for two trees on Brincliffe Gardens. 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. 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**

The two trees that you propose to remove and replace are among numerous other trees on the street, including several of the same species as those referred to us, for which removal and replacement is not proposed.

There are 17 households on the street. Three responded to the household survey, of which two objected to the proposed removal and replacement of the trees.

## **Trees which are healthy**

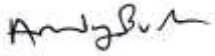
The two trees are in good condition and have good life expectancy. We advise that there is no arboricultural need to remove these trees.

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

The tree outside number 13 has a root which is causing minor disruption to part of the pavement that will not be used by pedestrians. We believe that engineering solution 7 could be used to resolve this problem. We therefore advise that this should be done with a view to retaining this tree.

The tree outside number 24 is causing one kerb stone to be partially displaced. We believe this could be resolved by the use of a half kerb stone, or a cut-away kerb stone (engineering solution 1). We therefore advise that this should be done with a view to retaining this tree.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andy Buck". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Andy Buck  
Chair

Copy:  
Andrew Walshaw  
Independent Tree Panel members