

Independent Tree Panel for Sheffield

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By email

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Dear Simon

Edgedale Road

The Independent Tree Panel has reviewed the City Council's plans for eight trees on Edgedale 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 126 households on the street. 18 responded to the household survey, of which 16 objected to the proposed removal and replacement of the trees.

Trees which are healthy

The trees are all in good condition and have good life expectancy. The vitality of the tree outside number 102 appears to be good, contrary to the information we were given by the Council. 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 102 is surrounded by a poorly drained area. We consider that it may not be possible to resolve this without removing the tree. This could only be fully determined with further investigation. We therefore advise that the Council should consider carrying out such an investigation. If this confirms that the drainage cannot be satisfactorily improved, we advise that the Council would be justified in removing and replacing this tree.

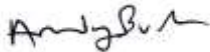
The tree outside number 86 is causing damage to the pavement. An adjacent drain was being replaced at the time of our inspection. We do not know whether the drain replacement was due to tree root damage. We consider that engineering solutions 3 and 7 would enable the pavement to be satisfactorily repaired. We advise the Council to consider this, whilst recognising that damage to drainage may necessitate the removal and replacement of this tree

The tree outside number 78 has buttress roots in the carriageway and is causing significant damage to the pavement. We do not consider this damage can be resolved without removing the tree. We therefore advise that the Council would be justified in removing and replacing this tree.

The tree outside 3-11 Javelin House (facing junction with Edgemount Road) is causing significant uplift of the pavement. We do not consider this damage can be resolved without removing the tree. We therefore advise that the Council would be justified in removing and replacing this tree.

The remaining trees, those outside numbers 32, 70, church (2nd tree on road from bottom) and 6 are all causing damage to the pavement and in some instances displacement of kerbs. We consider that engineering solutions 1, 2, 5 and 7 could be used to enable these trees to be retained. We advise the Council to consider this.

Yours sincerely



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Chair

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