

# 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

## **Struan Road**

The Independent Tree Panel has reviewed the City Council's plans for three trees on Struan 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 72 households on the street. 11 responded to the household survey, of which six objected to the proposed removal and replacement of the trees.

## **Trees which are healthy**

The three trees are in good condition and have reasonable life. 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 17 is causing some disruption to the footway and displacement of kerb stones. We consider that engineering solutions 1 and 12 would enable these problems to be resolved. We therefore advise the Council to consider this.

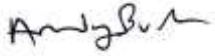
The tree outside number 29-31 is causing similar disruption and displacement, and may also be causing some damage to the neighbouring boundary wall. We consider that engineering solutions would enable the pavement and kerb problems to be resolved. However the damage to neighbouring property could not be resolved. We therefore advise that the Council would be justified in removing and replacing this tree.

The tree at the side of number 62 Archer Lane has a large root running adjacent to the kerb, with some evidence of previous pavement repair. We consider that engineering solutions including 1,

2 and 7 may enable these problems to be resolved. We therefore advise the Council to consider this.

We also noted that the tree outside number 5, which was not referred to us, is causing significant damage to the pavement which presents a serious hazard. We advise the Council to ensure that its plans will resolve this problem.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andy Buck', with a stylized, cursive script.

Andy Buck  
Chair

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Andrew Walshaw  
Independent Tree Panel members