

# Independent Tree Panel for Sheffield

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Simon Green  
Executive Director of Place  
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By email

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Dear Simon

## **Hunter House Road**

The Independent Tree Panel has reviewed the City Council's plans for nine trees on Hunter House 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 196 households on the street, of which less than half are on the arm of the street where the trees are located. 33 responded to the household survey, of which 23 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 these trees.

The tree outside number 238 is leaning towards Psalter Lane, is showing signs of slow failure, is disrupting the pavement and damaging the neighbouring boundary wall. We advise that this tree should be removed as a matter of priority and replaced.

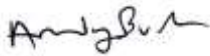
The trees outside numbers 155, 177, 181, 188 and outside Hunter Court (opposite 149) are causing significant damage to the pavement and kerb. We do not believe there to be engineering solutions which could resolve these problems. We advise that these trees should be removed and replaced.

The tree outside numbers 167 is causing less damage to the pavement and kerb. However, it appears to be causing damage to the neighbouring boundary wall and possibly property. We advise that this justifies the removal and replacement of this tree.

The tree outside number 176 is causing less damage to the pavement and kerb. The tree could, we believe, be retained using engineering options 1, 3, 7 and 12 (thin kerbs, ramping and re-profiling the footway, tree pits, root pruning), leading to the pavement, kerb and carriageway being satisfactory for all road users. We advise the Council to consider this.

The tree outside 145 does not appear to be causing any damage that would require any engineering work. We advise that there does not appear to be any need to remove and replace this tree.

Yours sincerely



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Chair

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