

Independent Tree Panel for Sheffield

Simon Green
Executive Director of Place
Sheffield City Council

By email

1 June 2016

Dear Simon

Ashfurlong Road

The Independent Tree Panel has reviewed the Council's plan for nine trees on Ashfurlong 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 28 January 2016. We reinspected five of the trees on 31 May 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

Eight of the trees you propose to remove and replace are on the east-west running arm of the road. The remaining tree is on the other arm of the road. There are 50 households on Ashfurlong Road. 10 responded to the survey, of which five objected to the proposed removal and replacement of the trees.

Tree already removed

The tree outside number 33 has already been removed and replaced. We advise that the Council should take steps to prevent this happening again.

Trees which are diseased or damaged

The tree outside number 15 has minor decay at its base, and some crown dieback. It does not appear to be structurally compromised. However, dead branches could fall from the tree into the neighbouring garden. The tree is an area which has many other trees. In these circumstances, we advise that the Council would be justified in removing and replacing this tree.

Trees which are diseased or damaged, and causing damage

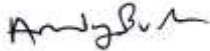
The trees outside numbers 4, 6, 8, 16, 18 and 20 are in poor condition with varying degrees of damage or decay, which could be exacerbated by works to the pavement. These trees are also causing some damage to the pavement and possibly to adjacent property. They cause a significant narrowing of parts of the pavement. We advise that the Council would be justified in removing and replacing these trees.

Trees which are healthy and for which no other action appears to be needed

The tree outside number 35 is in reasonable condition and is causing no discernible damage to pavement, verge or road. We advise that we could find no case for the removal and replacement of this tree.

I have enclosed a tabulated summary of our conclusions.

Yours sincerely



Andy Buck
Chair

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Independent Tree Panel members

Fell Ref	Tree Position	Road	Existing Tree	Already removed	Dead, diseased, damaged - remove	Damaging - remove	Damaging - alternative solution	No identifiable issue
12019919	o/s 18	ASHFURLONG ROAD	Prunus Kanzan		YES	YES		
12019917	O/S 8	ASHFURLONG ROAD	Prunus Kanzan		YES	YES		
12021433	O/S 16	ASHFURLONG ROAD	Prunus Kanzan		YES	YES		
12019913	O/S 33, (bottomside, closer to driveway 1 of 2)	ASHFURLONG ROAD	Malus sp	YES				
12021436	O/S 35	ASHFURLONG ROAD	Malus sp					YES
12019921	O/S 20 (topside, upper most 1 of 2 o/s 20)	ASHFURLONG ROAD	Prunus Kanzan		YES	YES		
12021437	O/S 4	ASHFURLONG ROAD	Prunus Kanzan		YES	YES		
12019915	O/S 6	ASHFURLONG ROAD	Prunus Kanzan		YES	YES		
12021439	O/S 15	ASHFURLONG ROAD	Fraxinus excelsior		YES			