

Independent Tree Panel for Sheffield

Simon Green
Executive Director of Place
Sheffield City Council

By email

22 July 2016

Dear Simon

Adelaide Road

The Independent Tree Panel has reviewed the City Council's plans for two trees on Adelaide 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. 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 30 households on the street. 17 responded to the household survey, of which 10 objected to the proposed removal and replacement of the trees.

Tree which is diseased or damaged

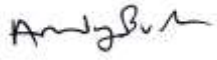
The tree outside number 19 "Oakmount" is significantly diseased and damaged, is leaning towards the neighbouring property and is at risk of failing. We advise that this tree should be removed and replaced.

Tree which is healthy

The tree outside number 39-41 is healthy. We do not believe it can have cryptostroma corticale as this disease only occurs after a long period of drought. We advise that there is no arboricultural need to remove this tree.

We have therefore considered whether there are engineering solutions that would prevent the need for the removal and replacement of this tree. We consider that the position of this tree and the option of retaining the existing arrangement of kerb stones between its roots would allow it to be retained. This would be consistent with the general character of the neighbourhood, and would not present a hazard to pedestrians or motorists. We therefore advise that this solution should be considered.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andy Buck". The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Andy Buck
Chair

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Andrew Walshaw
Independent Tree Panel members