

Independent Tree Panel for Sheffield

Simon Green
Executive Director of Place
Sheffield City Council

By email

22 July 2016

Dear Simon

Barkers Road

The Independent Tree Panel has reviewed the City Council's plans for two trees on Barkers 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 33 households on the street. Eight responded to the household survey, of which five objected to the proposed removal and replacement of the trees.

Trees which are healthy

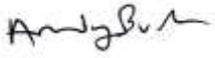
The two trees are in good condition. We advise that there is no arboricultural need to remove these trees.

We have therefore considered whether there are engineering solutions that would prevent the need for removal and replacement of these two trees.

The tree opposite number 33 is causing significant damage to the pavement and damage to the kerb. The tree is leaning into the carriageway. We do not consider there to be engineering solutions which would resolve these problems. We advise that this tree should be removed and replaced.

The tree outside number 63 is not causing significant damage. We consider that engineering solutions 2,3 and 7 would enable the retention of this tree. We advise the Council to consider this.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andy Buck". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Andy Buck
Chair

Copy:
Andrew Walshaw
Independent Tree Panel members