

# Independent Tree Panel for Sheffield

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Simon Green  
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Sheffield City Council

By email

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Dear Simon

## **Briar Road**

The Independent Tree Panel has reviewed the City Council's plans for three trees on Briar 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 37 households on the street. 17 responded to the household survey, all of which objected to the proposed removal and replacement of the trees.

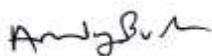
## **Trees which are healthy**

The trees outside numbers 2 and 14 are in good condition and have good life expectancy. The tree outside number 19 has minor epicormics growth to the base and stem, but is otherwise in good condition and has 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 trees are causing some disruption to the pavement and to the kerb. We believe that engineering solutions 1, 3, 5, 7 and 8 would enable the retention of these trees. We therefore advise the Council to consider this.

I have enclosed a tabulated summary of our conclusions.

Yours sincerely



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Chair

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Independent Tree Panel members