

# Independent Tree Panel for Sheffield

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Simon Green  
Executive Director of Place  
Sheffield City Council

By email

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Dear Simon

## **Gatefield Road**

The Independent Tree Panel has reviewed the City Council's plans for two trees on Gatefield 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**

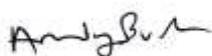
There are 47 households on the street. One responded to the household survey, and objected to the proposed removal and replacement of the trees.

## **Trees which are healthy**

The two 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 trunk and base roots of the trees are encroaching into the carriageway, and have caused displacement of kerbs. We consider that engineering solutions 1, 3, 5, 7, 9 and 12 could be deployed to enable the trees to be retained, which would be desirable on a street with very few trees. We also noted that this is a one way street, which we consider should be borne in mind when making a decision. We advise the Council to consider this.

Yours sincerely



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Chair

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