

Independent Tree Panel for Sheffield

Simon Green
Executive Director of Place
Sheffield City Council

By email

22 July 2016

Dear Simon

Firth Park Avenue

The Independent Tree Panel has reviewed the City Council's plans for six trees on Firth Park Avenue. 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 1 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 23 households on the street. One responded to the household survey, and objected to the proposed removal and replacement of the trees.

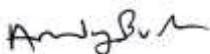
Trees which have already removed

The trees outside 45 and 47 (the 2nd, 4th, 7th and 8th trees) have already been removed.

Trees which are healthy

The tree outside numbers 35 and 37 are in good condition. We advise that there is no arboricultural need to remove these trees. We believe there are engineering solutions which could permit the retention of these trees. However, we understand that the roots of these trees are causing significant damage to neighbouring property. We therefore advise that the Council would be justified in removing and replacing these trees.

Yours sincerely



Andy Buck
Chair

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