

Independent Tree Panel for Sheffield

Simon Green
Executive Director of Place
Sheffield City Council

By email

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Dear Simon

King Ecgbert Road

The Independent Tree Panel has reviewed the Council's plan for four trees on King Ecgbert 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 29 January 2016 and 5 February 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

The four trees you propose to remove and replace are spaced along the length of the street. There are 78 households on King Ecgbert Road. Five responded to the survey, of which three objected to the proposed removal and replacement of the trees.

Trees which are diseased or damaged

The tree outside number 49 has a significant structural fault, and therefore is at risk of disease. We advise that it would be prudent to remove and replace this tree.

The trees outside numbers 21 and 38 (opposite 37) are shown signs of damage (number 21) and decay (number 38). Whilst they have some remaining life expectancy, we advise that the Council would be justified in removing and replacing these trees.

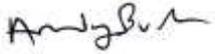
Tree which is healthy

The remaining tree, outside number 63, is a cherry, in good condition and with 10 to 20 years life expectancy. This is at the cul-de-sac end of the street. The tree is causing significant damage to the pavement, which would justify its removal and replacement. However, the short stretch of pavement appears to be used infrequently (as it is covered with moss). The Council could therefore consider replacing this stretch of pavement with

grass, thereby extending the verge, enabling the tree to be retained and future maintenance costs reduced. We advise the Council to reconsider the plan for this tree, in consultation with the two or three households that would be directly affected by this decision.

I have enclosed a tabulated summary of our conclusions.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Andy Buck". The signature is cursive and somewhat stylized.

Andy Buck
Chair

Copy:
Dave Caulfield
Andrew Walshaw
Independent Tree Panel members

Fell Ref	Tree Position	Road	Existing Tree	Already removed	Dead, diseased, damaged - remove	Damaging - remove	Damaging - alternative solution	No identifiable issue
12019841	O/S 21	KING ECGBERT ROAD	Prunus Kanzan		YES			
12019844	O/S 38 (opposite 37)	KING ECGBERT ROAD	Prunus Kanzan		YES			
12019848	O/S 49	KING ECGBERT ROAD	Prunus Kanzan		YES			
12019846	O/S 63	KING ECGBERT ROAD	Prunus Kanzan				ADVISE CONSIDER	