

PLANNING CONSULTATION REPLY

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APPLICATION: Shaws Fish and Chips, Barnsley Road, Dodworth, Barnsley, S75 3JU.

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Site Appraisal

The site was visited by Edward Jowett and the trees were briefly inspected.

The trees are prominent specimens particularly Silver Birch tree T1. The works proposed for T1 are to crown clean and thin it by 20% to remove the dead and dying branches etc. as well as open up the canopy. These works are appropriate and in line with current best practice.

The remaining trees subject to this application (2 Ash and 2 Silver Birch) are poorer specimens in a very poor condition with a lot of deadwood and dieback in the canopies which I understand are causing a major issue for the owner in terms of the health and safety of their customers using the car park and potential damage to their cars while parked close to the trees. Historic street view images show the decline of the trees over the last 10 years with attempts having been made previously to prune the trees to improve their condition. Ultimately these have not been successful and with reluctance the owner has now come to the stage where the only the removal of the trees is a feasible option given the usage of the area where they stand. The owner has however stressed their desire to replace the trees.

There is therefore no objection to the pruning of T1 and the removal of T2-T5 subject to their replacement.

Note: Assessments of tree condition and safety are based on a simple visual inspection from ground level. Comments should not be taken as a definitive assessment of tree health, as this should be carried out by a suitably qualified arboriculturist, possibly including a high level inspection. The applicant should be reminded of the owner's legal responsibilities to ensure that trees are regularly inspected and maintained in a safe condition.

Recommendations

APPROVE

The above works are approved subject to the following conditions

a) Replacement of felled trees

Within the first planting season the two Ash trees and the two Silver Birch trees to be removed shall be replaced by a two new Rowan (*Sorbus aucuparia*) and two new Silver Birch (*Betula pendula*). A replacement tree shall be planted within 1m of each of the trees to be removed.

Specification: Standard trees (stem diameter 10-12cm) shall be planted and affixed (with flexible tree ties) to a tanalised tree stake (minimum diameter 75mm) at a height of no more than 1m above ground level. In order to aid establishment a suitable

mulch shall be applied (e.g. semi-composted woodchip to a minimum depth of 75mm) around each tree to a radius of 1m. The trees shall be watered immediately after planting then whenever required to ensure successful establishment. Within two weeks of planting the Local Authority Tree Officer shall be informed and invited to inspect the new trees. The new trees shall be subjected to a Tree Preservation Order in replacement of the felled tree. Any tree which fails to become established within 5 years from planting shall be replaced with another tree of the same original specification.

Reason: In the interests of the visual amenities of the locality.

b) Five days notice to LPA and tree surgery to BS standards

Not less than five working days notice of the date of the proposed work shall be given in writing to the Local Planning Authority and the tree surgery shall be carried out to the standards set out in BS3998.

Reason: To ensure the work accords with good arboricultural practice.

Time limit for TPO works

The proposed tree works should be completed within 2 years of the date of this consent.

Permission

Before proceeding with the notified works, you should ensure that you have the permission of the owner, and comply with all other relevant legislation, for example it is an offence to disturb nesting birds, and bat roosts.