PLANNING CONSULTATION REPLY

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APPLICATION: 7 The Meadows, Silkstone Common, S75 4SG.

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Site Appraisal

The large Sycamore tree is situated at the bottom of the rear garden. It is an upright straight specimen with a wide canopy and is protected as part of a wider group. The works proposed are to crown lift the tree to 4m, crown clean and thin by 10% and to reduce the overhang back from over the garden by 1.5m.

The works were agreed between myself and the applicant following an initial application to remove the tree. On site it was noted that the canopy was low and a modest lift to 4m would allow significantly more light into the garden and likewise some cleaning and thinning works would open up the canopy and reduce the amount of debris being dropped in the garden. I also noted that there were some young trees in the garden which were beginning to be supressed by the tree and as such I recommended some shortening back of the lowest branches back away from the trees to allow them to develop unhindered.

The works proposed are therefore suitable, proportionate and acceptable in terms of current best practice and as such there is no objection from an arboricultural perspective.

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 arboriculturalist, 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

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