

PLANNING CONSULTATION REPLY

To: Laura Bennett	Date: 02.09.2021
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APPLICATION: Belmont House, Cote Lane, Thurgoland, Barnsley, S35 7AE.

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No objections received

Description of works

Removal of smaller limb growing into the garden/over the drive, remove deadwood of Ash tree T1 within TPO 37/2009.

Site Appraisal

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

The Ash tree is a large, mature prominent specimen with significant amenity value. The works proposed are to remove the limb over the garden/drive and deadwood the tree.

The Ash tree has been worked on significantly before with the last application coming in 2018 for a heavy crown reduction. This was deemed acceptable as the tree is in the early stages of decline and the works were undertaken to prolong its life, likewise after applying initially to remove this tree it was decided by the agent to amend the application to continue this work and prune the tree again removing the deadwood and the ponderous limb over the drive/garden in an attempt to maintain it.

The works proposed are sensible maintenance in the ongoing quest to retain this prominent tree. Regrettably there will come a time when its removal is required but hopefully the works proposed will allow it to be retained for a while yet.

There is therefore no objection to the pruning of the tree as per the amended works description.

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

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