

PLANNING CONSULTATION REPLY

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APPLICATION: 4 Bailey Croft, Barnsley, S70 6DG.

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Site Appraisal

The Lime trees are large, prominent specimens which are highly visible to both residents and commuters through the local area. These trees therefore have high amenity value. The works proposed are to remove T20 and crown lift T19 and 21 to 6m on the property side and prune T21 to give 1m clearance from the street light.

The pruning works proposed for T19 and T21 is sensible to prevent contact with the front of the properties and allow some clearance from the dwellings. Providing clearance from the street light is also sensible.

Following a request for further information from the applicant and discussions with their tree surgeon I understand that the works, although allowing for more light for the properties, are aimed to allow the trees to be retained longer term despite their close proximity to the dwellings by removing the tree closest to the middle to allow the fuller development of the neighbouring trees and their better development given the heavy restriction posed by their location.

The removal of this tree can be considered acceptable on arboricultural grounds only as the trees removal will be beneficial to the group and the neighbouring trees longer term. On that basis there is no objection to the proposed works 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 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

The above works are approved subject to conditions.