



## TREE CONSULTATION RESPONSE

<b>Application No</b>	2025/0599
<b>Proposal</b>	Remove Ash tree T1 and Crack Willows T13 and T14, remove eastern stem and crown reduce remaining crown by 2-3m Goat Willow T4 and crown lift Cherry laurel T9 and G16 to 2.5m within TPO 5/2004.
<b>Address</b>	4 Mysten Croft, Barnsley, S75 1EP.
<b>Date of Consultation Reply</b>	25/11/2025
<b>Consultee</b>	Edward Jowett (Tree Officer)

### Consultation Assessment and Justification

The trees subject to this application form part of a compact woodland areas which runs along the rear of Mysten Croft and as a whole this has high amenity value. The trees subject to this application however are on the periphery and are generally smaller lower quality specimens than those more central to the group.

The trees to be removed are a young Ash tree and two dilapidated Crack Willows. The young Ash tree is a self-set specimen which is located on top of a retaining wall above a neighbouring property. It is evident from my inspection that there is ground movement in the area of the young Ash tree and it appears the land is beginning to slip, therefore there is no objection to the removal of this tree as the ground movement and level difference ultimately limit the trees retention span. The two Crack Willows are poor specimens which have been poorly managed in the past, ultimately the nature of their species make these unsuitable for this environment and when coupled with their generally poor condition removal and replacement is the sensible option. The three trees to be removed will need to be replaced, given the constraints of the site it seems sensible to replace with small to medium sized native trees and as such two new Silver Birch and a new Rowan have been specified.

It is also proposed to prune Cherry Laurel T9 and mixed group G16 by crown lifting them to 2.5m to allow clearance and access under the canopies; there is no issue with the undertaking of this work as this is sensible maintenance. It is also proposed to remove the dead/dying eastern stem of Goat Willow T4 and then crown reduce the remaining two stems by 2-3m. The removal of the eastern stem is required and as such the reduction of the other two despite not generally being considered desirable is sensible in this instance given the loss of companion shelter through the removal of the stem. The reduction works will reduce the stresses from wind on the tree and give it the best chance to recover and adapt to the loss of the stem to be removed.

**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.

**NO OBJECTION\***

\*Delete as applicable

#### **Consultation Suggested Conditions:**

Within the first planting season following the removal of the Ash tree and the two Crack Willows the trees to be removed shall be replaced by two new Silver Birch (*Betula pendula*) and a Rowan (*sorbus aucuparia*) to be planted one within 3m of each tree to be removed.



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Specification: Standard trees (stem circumference 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 new 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 trees. 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.**

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.**

## **Consultation Informative(s):**

### 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.

## **Planning Obligations required:**