PLANNING CONSULTATION REPLY

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APPLICATION: 6 Alford Close, Redbrook, Barnsley, S75 2SB.

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Site Appraisal
The site was visited for a meeting regarding the trees by Edward Jowett and the trees were briefly inspected.

The three Sycamore trees are semi to early mature specimens with significant amenity value being located on the boundary with Huddersfield Road. Upon inspection it was clear that two of the trees have suffered significant basal and potentially fire damage in the past and although looking relatively healthy in terms of their canopy did have significant structural issues. Although not rendering the trees imminently dangerous the onset of decay and bark delamination mean the trees are ultimately structurally compromised to an extent where they will present a risk to Huddersfield Road in a relatively short space of time. The removal and replacement of these two trees is therefore regrettably considered sensible given their impaired condition.

The third tree is a slightly smaller specimen without any of the issues noted on the other two. Some deadwood and damaged branches were noted in the canopy and as such crown cleaning to remove this material is sensible.

The two trees to be removed will require replacing, however the constraint posed by the size of the garden mean that like for like replacement planting is not practical and small species would be more appropriate. The applicant has requested replacing the two trees with an Apple and a Pear tree and I do not see any reason why this cannot be accommodated.

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

APPROVE

The above works are approved subject to the following conditions

Replacement of felled trees

Within the first planting season after removal, the two Sycamore trees shall be replaced by a new Apple tree (*Malus spp.*) and a new Pear tree (*Pyrus spp*.). The

new trees shall be planted at a convenient location along the boundary with Huddersfield road as per the trees to be removed.

Specification: Standard trees (stem girth 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 tree. 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.

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.

Informatives

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.