

PLANNING CONSULTATION REPLY

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APPLICATION: 18 Bloomfield Road, Darton, Barnsley, S75 5AP.

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Site Appraisal

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

The tree is a relatively mature Ash located in the rear corner of the property and is a prominent feature. The works proposed have now been amended to reduce the canopy of the tree away from the house to give 2-2.5m clearance and then to crown clean and thin the tree by 20%.

The works originally proposed were excessive in terms of the amount of material to be removed and it was felt that the issues caused by this would ultimately negate any benefits in a relatively short period of time. As such the new works description above was accepted in its place in order to provide sufficient clearance from the dwelling and to open up the canopy of the tree and remove any dead, dying and dangerous branches.

The works proposed now are appropriate and in line with current best practice and as such will not be of detriment to the tree whilst improving proximity issues and opening up the canopy. I can confirm that there is no objection to this new works description 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

APPROVE: the works as described in the application document.