

PLANNING CONSULTATION REPLY

To: Bradley Sargeson	Date: 16.12.2024
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APPLICATION: Millbank House, 1B Worsbrough Village, Barnsley, S70 5LW.

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Site Appraisal

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

The tree subject to this application is a large mature Horse Chestnut situated in a row of other trees adjacent to the driveway within the grounds of Worsbrough Hall; they therefore have high amenity value. The works proposed initially were to prune back the Horse Chestnut to boundary line including dead and broken limbs, however following my site visit it has been agreed to amend the works description to crown reduce the Horse Chestnut tree back towards boundary line by up to 2m to suitable pruning points, crown clean the tree to remove any diseased, damage or broken branches from over the property and crown thin the overhanging portion of the tree by 10%.

The reduction works originally proposed would have resulted in a significant amount of material being removed from the tree, however the amended more targeted works proposed should act to reduce the issues being experienced by the applicant without detriment to the tree. The reduction works will minimise the overhang whilst maintaining the shape of the tree, the crown cleaning works will act to remove the diseased and damaged branches overhanging the applicants access and the thinning works will act to balance up the works other pruning works by selectively removing branches from throughout the overhanging portion of the canopy.

I can therefore confirm that there are no objections to the proposed pruning 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

APPROVE

The above works are approved subject to the following conditions

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

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.