PLANNING CONSULTATION REPLY

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APPLICATION: 5 MAYFIELD, MONK BRETTON, BARNSLEY, S71 2DB

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Site Appraisal

The tree is an early mature Sycamore tree located in the rear garden adjacent to the boundary with a neighbouring property. The original application was to crown reduce the tree by 30%, however following my site visit it was decided that the works description should be amended to the following crown lift the Sycamore tree to 5m, crown clean and thin by 15-20% and to incorporate some end weight reduction into those thinning works to reduce overhang in areas where this is required by up to 1m.

When visiting site the applicants relayed the issues they were experiencing with the tree it became apparent that a crown reduction would not alleviate the issues they are experiencing. As such the works specification above was devised in order to provide a lasting improvement by allowing light under the canopy into the garden as well as opening it up slightly whilst incorporating a minor reduction in some quarters as part of the 15-20% of the trees leafing area to be removed. These works were devised wit the issues of the applicants and the long term health of the tree in mind.

I can confirm that the works proposed will not be detrimental and are in line with current best practice and they will ease some of the issues being experienced. Therefore there are no objection to this proposal 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

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