

PLANNING CONSULTATION REPLY

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APPLICATION: 1 Westwood Court, Barnsley, S70 2LT.

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Site Appraisal

The trees are early mature specimens located around the perimeter of the parking area and are prominently located for many properties surrounding the site and as such have significant amenity value. The works proposed are to fell Sycamore T9 and crown lift to 4.5m Service trees T1-T5, Norway Maple T6, European Limes T7, T8 and T12, Whitebeams T10 and T11 and variegated Maple T13.

The crown lifting of the trees noted above will act to provide sufficient clearance over the carpark as well as allow more light through under the trees. As such these works as proposed in the application form seem entirely reasonable

The Sycamore tree does have a large open cavity at the base and as such given the trees location it regrettably seems prudent to remove and replace it at this stage before it becomes a health and safety risk. The tree will need replacing and as such a new Sycamore has been conditioned as no reason to deviate from this has been put forward.

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

Replacement of felled trees

Within the first planting season the Sycamore tree to be removed shall be replaced by a new Sycamore (*Acer pseudoplatanus*). The replacement tree shall be planted within 3m of the tree to be removed.

Specification: A Heavy Standard tree (stem diameter 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 the tree to a radius of 1m. The tree 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 tree shall be subjected to a Tree Preservation Order in replacement of the felled tree. 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.