

PLANNING CONSULTATION REPLY

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APPLICATION: 1 Wheatcroft Gardens, Penistone, Sheffield, S36 6GA.

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1 objection has been received which raises the following concerns:-

I have been pruning back this section of overhanging vegetation for over 12 years at the side of our fence and request this is kept as a boundary between our fence and the trail due to the uneven land that Taylor Whimpy installed in the gardens and the green land. Any disturbance of this land and roots could disturb or damage our fence and cause longer term soil creep affecting our foundations. This was brought to Taylor Whimpeys attention and green belts at first buying the new built. Additionally, on my deeds the apple tree is not allowed to be cut down.

Description of works

Prune back overhanging vegetation from woodland by reducing back between 2 and 3m to boundary line within TPO 22/1999

Site Appraisal

This application is to prune back the trees to the boundary line between 2 and 3m in the areas marked on the plan. The trees are all young to semi mature specimens specimens growing as part of the landscaped area of the development. As part of the woodland group the trees subject to this application do have significant amenity value.

The pruning works proposed are to provide adequate clearance from the neighbouring properties. Although significant, the level of work can be accommodated in this instance as it will act to train the trees back away from the property and give a pruning reference point for future maintenance as the trees grow and mature. As such there is no objection to this application from an arboricultural perspective.

The works are to prune the trees only and not to remove any trees, therefore concerns raised with regard to the possible removal of trees and impact upon soil/foundations is not a concern.

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 condition.

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 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.