

PLANNING CONSULTATION REPLY

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APPLICATION: Gardeners Cottage, Leapings Lane, Thurlstone, Barnsley, S36 9QP.

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Site Appraisal

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

The two trees proposed for removal are large mature prominent specimens located on the boundary of the property. These trees were subject to an application last year for pruning works along with two others.

This application following the recent pruning application came as a surprise, however as already noted the trees both have cavities near the base and it was during the pruning works that issues with the upper crown were noted by the agent. These amounted to cavities in the upper crown and dieback which it was not felt could be remedied. Regrettably I must concur and have no reason to doubt the agents finding during his aerial inspection.

It is proposed to replace the trees with a new native Field Maple to replace T1 closest to the dwelling and a new Oak to replace T2 where there is more room. These proposed replacements are both suitable native species and are appropriate for their locations and the area.

Regrettably there is no objection to the removal and replacement of the two Sycamore trees with a new Field Maple and a new Oak.

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

a) Replacement of felled trees

Within the first planting season the Sycamore trees to be removed shall be replaced by a new Field Maple (*Acer campestre*) and a new Oak tree (*Quercus robur*). The replacement tree shall be planted within 2m of the tree to be removed.

Specification: Heavy standard trees (stem diameter 12-14cm) 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 each tree to a radius of 1m. The trees 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 trees. The new trees 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.

b) 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.