



TREE CONSULTATION RESPONSE

Application No	2026/0224
Proposal	Undertake works to the group of Poplar trees T2-T30 and T32 as per the written works specification within TPO 36/1974.
Address	Army Reserve Centre, Wakefield Road, Smithies, Barnsley, S71 1NU.
Date of Consultation Reply	03/07/2026
Consultee	Edward Jowett (Tree Officer)

Consultation Assessment and Justification

The trees subject to this application are large Poplar trees located along the boundary of the applicant property immediately adjacent to Wakefield Road and the footpath to the rear of High Greave, Smithies. The trees are prominent and widely visible and as such have high amenity value.

The suite of works proposed for these trees have been carefully curated to remedy the issues they are experiencing and to extend their useful safe retention span. Given the age and species of the trees there are issues with dieback and the over extension of limbs towards/over the highway as such the proposed reductions are appropriate and can be achieved whilst pruning to correct pruning points.

Although not ideal the reductions in height specified for some trees are relatively minor in terms of the trees total sizes and are demonstrably required due to issues such as poor unions/mechanical stress along with issues such as minor dieback etc. The reduction in height of the trees as specified is considered acceptable in this instance. The other reduction works proposed are lateral reductions back from over the road, again to manage the trees in terms of highway safety etc., again these works are appropriate management given the circumstances surrounding the trees locations and condition.

I can therefore confirm that there is no objection to the proposed 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.

NO OBJECTION*

*Delete as applicable

Consultation Suggested Conditions:

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.

Consultation Informative(s):

Time limit for TPO works



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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.