



TREE CONSULTATION RESPONSE

Application No	2026/0332
Proposal	Fell Beech tree T1 and Goat Willow T2 and lift/reduce canopy of Beech tree T3 away from the lodge to give 3-4m clearance within TPO 16/1974.
Address	Thornley Estate, Dodworth Green Road, Dodworth, Barnsley, S75 3RT.
Date of Consultation Reply	08/10/2026
Consultee	Edward Jowett (Tree Officer)

Consultation Assessment and Justification

The two Beech trees are prominent specimens and as such have high amenity value, the Goat Willow is not as good a specimen but is still prominent and as such has significant amenity value as part of the group.

The pruning works proposed for the Beech tree T3 are sensible maintenance to provide sufficient clearance from the dwelling whilst not being detrimental to the tree itself.

The Beech tree to be removed is showing signs of decay and fungal brackets have been noted on the tree previously. As such the removal of this tree is considered necessary as ultimately as the decay continues the tree will become a hazard. The location of the tree immediately adjacent to the highway in conjunction with the fungal decay exacerbates this.

The Goat Willow is a lower quality and value tree than the two Beech trees just by the nature of the species and its form although it is still prominent in the street scene. As noted in the application the tree is entangled with the phone lines and interferes with the pole and although it has significant amenity value as part of the group it is not integral to it and would likely not merit a TPO in its own right. Likewise the nature of this species mean that if pruning were undertaken to alleviate issues with the phone lines the tree would rapidly respond and regrow likely exacerbating the issues. On balance it is therefore considered the removal of this tree is acceptable.

The removed trees will need to be replaced and as such two new Beech trees will be required as replacements. As such I would ask that the condition below be applied to the decision.

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:

Within the first planting season the Beech tree and the Goat Willow tree to be removed shall be replaced by two new Beech trees (*Fagus sylvatica*). The replacement trees shall be planted one within 3m of each tree to be removed.

Specification: Heavy Standard trees (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



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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.

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

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.