

PLANNING CONSULTATION REPLY

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APPLICATION: 1 Foxmill View, Millhouse Green, Barnsley, S36 9AB.

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Site Appraisal

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

The tree is an early mature Ash situated on the boundary of the property and whose crown is in very close proximity to the dwelling. The tree is a prominent specimen and as such has significant amenity value. The works now proposed are to prune the tree to give 2m clearance, remove the lowest branch which overhangs the drive and crown clean and thin the remainder by 10-15%.

The works proposed in the main are to address specific issues such as the very close proximity and low hanging limb over the drive. The remainder of the works are to open up the canopy slightly and remove any dead and damaged branches etc. The level of works proposed is significant but not excessive and as such should not prove detrimental to the tree.

The works proposed are sensible and appropriate and as such there is no objection 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.

Representations

1 letter has been received which does not object to the proposed works to the Ash Tree however raises concerns with regard to the extensions at the property and potential damage to tree roots. The Tree Officer has not noted any damage to the tree as a result of these works.

Recommendations

APPROVE

The above works are approved subject to conditions.