

PLANNING CONSULTATION REPLY

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APPLICATION: Grenfell House, Chapel Lane, Penistone, Sheffield, S36 6AQ.

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No representations received

Description of works

Remove Ash tree T11, cedar T15 and Willow T16, remove limb with included union from Ash tree T1 and reduce limb over house by 3m from Ash tree T14 within TPO 10/2003.

Site Appraisal

This application is to remove Ash tree T11, cedar T15 and Willow T16, remove limb with included union from Ash tree T1 and reduce limb over house by 3m from Ash tree T14

The pruning works proposed for Ash trees T1 and T14 are both to remedy issues, namely the weak union with included bark for T1 and to reduce overhang for T14. These works are required and will help to maintain the trees long term and hopefully extend the lifespan of T1. As such there is no objection to the pruning works proposed.

The removal of T11 (Ash) is due to its infection with Ash Dieback disease which is regrettably becoming very prominent in the Borough; as such there is no objection to the removal and replacement of this tree.

The willow and Cedar are to be removed to benefit a neighbouring better quality Eucalyptus. The removal of these two trees will allow for the development of one better quality tree rather than ending up with three poor quality competing specimens. This is considered sound arboricultural practice and given the reasons for removal their replacement is not considered sensible.

There is therefore no objection to the proposed works to the trees from an arboricultural perspective as the works are all necessary management.

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 conditions.