

PLANNING CONSULTATION REPLY

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APPLICATION: Cygnet Pindar House, Upper Sheffield Road, Barnsley, S70 4PX.

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Site Appraisal

This application is to Remove Horse Chestnut tree 1881 and replace with an Oak. The tree is a relatively large mature specimen with significant amenity value and is prominent on entering the site.

Regrettably the Horse Chestnut has a large historical wound at the base; whilst this had occluded well and there is significant wound wood present around it with much thickening providing structural support unfortunately the central section has begun to decay. Although the tree could likely stand for some time due to the previous wound wood formation etc. the tree is in a high target location being located directly next to the main drive into the site and as such it is only a matter of time before it becomes dangerous.

I can therefore confirm that there is no objection to the proposed works from an arboricultural perspective subject to the replacement of the Horse Chestnut tree to be removed as the removal and replacement of the tree at this stage before it becomes a significant hazard is both sensible and practical.

Comments have been made in relation to the additional works to trees within the vicinity of the application tree; as explained to the neighbour it is not for the planning department to request additional works and if they wish works to be carried out then they should either apply for works themselves or speak to the owners of the tree to apply for works.

The comments made in relation to the trees on plan; the applicant was contacted and the site plan was considered to be correct, showing the location of the tree subject to the application, for the avoidance of doubt the trees referenced in the report but not subject to the application were removed from the plan.

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.