

PLANNING CONSULTATION REPLY

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APPLICATION: 9 Mulberry Close, Goldthorpe, Rotherham, S63 9LB.

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Site Appraisal

The tree is an early mature Sycamore located just beyond the side boundary on a piece of Council owned open space. The trees forms part of a wider group of protected trees on the ground and as such has high amenity value.

The works proposed are to reduce the tree back beyond the boundary by 6 foot. The Councils tree inspection and maintenance manager has been consulted and confirmed he is happy with this providing the following is adhered to:

- Branch reduction must not exceed the stated length (6' or a maximum of 2m)
- All works must be carried out in accordance with BS3998:2010 Tree Work Recommendations
- We will require notification of the contractor instructed to carry out the works and the date works are to be carried out
- We will inspect the works following completion and where inadequate works have been carried that are not in line with the British Standard we will require rectification works to be carried out. Where this fails to occur, we will carry out the rectification work and seek recovery of costs from the applicant.

We will therefore condition that we as the LPA and Parks services are provided with 5 days notice of the work and that the works are carried out in accordance with BS3998 as we usually do, however we cannot ask for details of the contractor only that the works be carried out to the correct standard. Likewise we cannot caveat the works with the information in the 4th point. We will however put on an informative that contact should be made and permission sought from the tree inspection and maintenance manager where he can relay this information and ensure that what is required to undertake works on Council land is provided.

The tree does hang close to the residents property and as such I can confirm that there is no objection to the works from my perspective particularly following the input above on behalf of the Council as the tree owner.

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 works as described in the application document.

With the following conditions

Five days notice to LPA and tree surgery to BS standards

Not less than five working days notice of the date of the proposed work shall be given to the Local Planning Authority and Barnsley Council Parks Services and their Tree Inspections and Maintenance Manager who own and manage the tree 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.

Informatives

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 in this instance the Council Tree Inspection and Maintenance Manager and where required comply with the assurances they require and provide the information they need in order to grant access to undertake the works. You will also need to ensure you comply with all other relevant legislation, for example it is an offence to disturb nesting birds, and bat roosts.