

# PLANNING CONSULTATION REPLY

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**APPLICATION: 3 Latchmoor Close, Barnsley, S75 1EU.**

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## Site Appraisal

The tree is an early mature Sycamore located behind the rear boundary of the property. Initially the works proposed were to prune the tree back to the boundary, however this would have resulted in the removal of a significant amount of the trees leafing area and no allowance for pruning back to the correct points was included. A new works description was therefore agreed which was to reduce the tree back by up to 2m to suitable pruning points.

These works will act to reduce the amount of overhang and allow more light into the garden. Critically they will not be detrimental to the tree and as such should not result in a proliferation of dense new growth which would have been highly likely if the original works had been implemented. This in my opinion would have made the situation worse for the applicant in a relatively short space of time.

The works now proposed are sensible to reduce the overshadowing of the garden and will not be detrimental to the tree. There is therefore no objection to the proposed works.

**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.