

PLANNING CONSULTATION REPLY

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APPLICATION: 6 Chantry Orchards, Dodworth, Barnsley, S75 3HX.

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Site Appraisal

The trees are early mature specimens located within a group which is protected by an Area TPO. The trees have significant amenity value as part of the group. The works proposed are to remove Sycamore T1 and remove the two branches as marked on the photo from Sycamore T2.

Sycamore T1 has a significant lean and basal damage; whilst growing with a lean in itself is not an issue for a tree the damaged base as noted in the report coupled with this is. As such the removal of this tree is considered acceptable for health and safety reasons. This tree will need to be replaced however, and as such (given Sycamore is not native) a new Hornbeam will be conditioned as its replacement.

The pruning works to T2 involve the removal of the two branches as marked which are very close to the property. This work is considered sensible maintenance and will not be of detriment to the tree.

I can therefore confirm that there is no objection to the works from an arboricultural perspective subject to the replacement of T1.

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.

Recommendations

APPROVE

The above works are approved subject to the following conditions

Replacement of felled trees

Within the first planting season the Sycamore tree to be removed shall be replaced by a new Hornbeam (*Carpinus betulus*). The tree to be removed shall have a replacement tree planted within 3m of its location.

Specification: A Standard tree (stem circumference 10-12cm) shall be planted and affixed (with flexible tree ties) to a tanalised tree stake (minimum diameter 75mm) at a height of no more than 1m above ground level. In order to aid establishment a suitable mulch shall be applied (e.g. semi-composted woodchip to a minimum depth of 75mm) around the tree to a radius of 1m. The trees shall be watered immediately after planting then whenever required to ensure successful establishment. Within two

weeks of planting the Local Authority Tree Officer shall be informed and invited to inspect the new tree. The new tree shall be subjected to a Tree Preservation Order in replacement of the felled trees. Any tree which fails to become established within 5 years from planting shall be replaced with another tree of the same original specification.

Reason: In the interests of the visual amenities of the locality.

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 in writing to the Local Planning Authority 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 comply with all other relevant legislation, for example it is an offence to disturb nesting birds, and bat roosts.