

PLANNING CONSULTATION REPLY

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APPLICATION: Keresforth House, Dark Lane, Barnsley, S70 6RZ.

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Site Appraisal

This application is to remove split branch overhanging driveway from Deodar Cedar T1, remove deadwood from Sycamore T2, crown reduce Beech tree T3 by 1m all around, remove Hawthorn T4, remove deadwood from Lime G7 and remove deadwood from Sycamore T8.

The trees are prominent specimens within the ground of the property and have significant amenity value. The removal of the split branch from T1 is sensible health and safety works and as such there is no objection to this remedial pruning. The Hawthorn T4 has significant decay at the base and has had major pruning in the past, the structural issues at the base of the tree will ultimately necessitate its removal sooner rather than later and as such it seems prudent to undertake these works now and replace the tree rather than wait for it to become a danger. The Beech tree (T3) is a large and prominent specimen which has a wide spreading crown with lots of weight on the branch unions it therefore seems sensible to reduce the end weight from these as part of a 1m crown reduction all round as applied for. On average this will equate to approximately a 30% reduction in terms of the trees leafing area which is at the upper end of what could be considered acceptable but with regards to the form of the tree the removal of end weight is sensible.

The remaining works are to remove deadwood from T2, G7 and T8 which does not require permission however I can confirm that this is sensible management.

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

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

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