PLANNING CONSULTATION REPLY

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APPLICATION: 17A Vernon Road, Worsbrough, Barnsley, S70 5BE.

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Site Appraisal
The site was visited by Edward Jowett and the trees were briefly inspected.

The proposed works are to remove all branches from the Ash tree to leave a 5m stem and prune back hazardous branches growing over the access route and to provide 2m clearance from any building or boundaries for the Weeping Willow.

The Ash tree is a large mature specimen, however it is in very poor condition and as such the heavy reduction proposed to ultimately leave a 5m habitat pole/monolith is the only option without complete removal.

The pruning works for the Weeping Willow are ultimately health and safety works as the tree has been poorly pruned in the past. The works will ultimately involve removing the damaged branches and stubs etc. as well as shortening back over the driveway to reduce end weight on the limbs with poor attachments. It is also proposed to prune the tree to give 2m clearance from the property and boundaries.

The works proposed for the trees are sensible management given the situations they are in and as such there is no objection from an arboricultural perspective.

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 conditions