

PLANNING CONSULTATION REPLY

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APPLICATION: 20 Carrs Lane, Cudworth, Barnsley, S72 8EJ

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Site Appraisal

The site was visited for a meeting regarding the trees by Edward Jowett and the trees were briefly inspected.

The tree is a large mature, prominent Ash tree which has significant amenity value. It is located close to the house and overhangs significantly.

Originally the application was to prune the tree, however upon inspection I noted significant amounts of deadwood and that the crown was particularly sparse. I therefore agreed with the applicant to monitor the tree in order to ensure an informed decision was made due to my concerns. Ultimately the tree did put on slightly more leaf cover over that period but remained sparse and appeared to be in the early stages of decline. At this point it was decided that the application should be amended to remove the tree. The reasoning behind this was that if the tree were further from the property its condition could be monitored further, however the fact it overhangs the property so severely means that any debris or deadwood associated with the decline of the tree would almost certainly land on the house and has the potential for damage or injury to occur. The second reason was that the pruning of the tree could potentially have prolonged the safe retention of the tree but ultimately it would not prevent the decline of the tree and given the proximity to the house the works required would have been considerable, costly and frequently required.

Ultimately in a different situation the tree would likely have been retained but given the significant target located under the canopy the removal and replacement of this tree is regrettably the only sensible and practical answer.

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 above works are approved subject to the following conditions

Replacement of felled trees

Within the first planting season after removal the Ash tree shall be replaced by a new Rowan (*sorbus aucuparia*) The new tree shall be planted within the vicinity of the tree to be removed

Specification: A standard tree (stem girth 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 tree 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 tree. 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.](#)