

# PLANNING CONSULTATION REPLY

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**APPLICATION: THE SYCAMORES, LEAPINGS LANE, THURLSTONE, S36 9QP**

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## Site Appraisal

The tree is a large mature Sycamore tree located to the front of the property immediately adjacent to Leapings lane. The works proposed are to crown lift the tree to 4m and crown thin by 20%.

The crown lifting works are only very minor as the tree was crown lifted to 3.5m previously, likewise the thinning works are also a repeat of what was undertaken before. I do feel the tree will stand this level of works again and it will act to effectively crown clean the tree and open up the canopy slightly. It must be noted though that this will be its limit and a significant amount of time will need to elapse before works to this tree can be considered acceptable again otherwise there would be a danger of the tree putting on significant reaction growth or worse beginning to decline slightly.

The works proposed this time will not be detrimental and are in line with current best practice and they will ease some of the issues undoubtedly being experienced due to the relatively close proximity of the tree. Therefore there are no objection to this proposal 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 With conditions