



TREE CONSULTATION RESPONSE

Application No	2026/0270
Proposal	Remove damaged Sycamore tree within TPO 13/2003.
Address	90 High Street, Shafton, Barnsley, S72 8NH.
Date of Consultation Reply	29/09/2026
Consultee	Edward Jowett (Tree Officer)

Consultation Assessment and Justification

The tree is an early mature/mature Sycamore located in the garden of the property and is one of many TPO'd trees at the property. The tree is a prominent feature as part of the wider tree population of the garden and is clearly visible to the many residents who back onto the garden. The tree therefore has significant amenity value.

This application came about as a result of wind damage earlier in the year which was attended by a Council official from the team who manage Council owned trees as well as a tree surgeon, both noted that the tree would now be very much prone to further damage as a result of the companion shelter being lost. I concur with this as the remaining limbs/stems will now be exposed to forces from wind which they were not exposed to previously and will not be fully adapted to. Works to reduce the remainder of the stems was noted as an option but this would have required a heavy reduction and then ongoing significant maintenance to manage the prolific regrowth which would inevitably occur. This I feel would, in the first instance, be a significant management burden given the nature and speed of the regrowth and, given the trees location, management in this way would significantly diminish the trees amenity value and therefore the reason for it to be protected.

Therefore, on balance, I feel the removal and replacement of the tree is the best option in this instance. I would note that this is caveated that a replacement tree will be required to replace it. I would therefore ask that the following condition be applied to the permission to ensure a suitable tree of a suitable species and size be provided.

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.

NO OBJECTION*

*Delete as applicable

Consultation Suggested Conditions:

Within the first planting season the Sycamore tree to be removed shall be replaced by a new Hornbeam (*Carpinus betulus*). The replacement tree shall be planted within 2m of the tree to be removed.

Specification: A Heavy Standard tree (stem diameter 12-14cm) 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



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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.

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.

Consultation Informative(s):

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.