



TREE CONSULTATION RESPONSE

Application No	2025/0499
Proposal	Crown reduce Beech tree by 2m back from over the road and 1m from other sides and crown lift to 4-5m as measured from the base of the tree and removing only smaller secondary and tertiary branches within TPO 6/1973. (Amended Description)
Address	5 Willow Bank, Barnsley, S75 1BN.
Date of Consultation Reply	26/03/2026
Consultee	Edward Jowett (Tree Officer)

Consultation Assessment and Justification

The tree is a very large mature Beech located on the front boundary of the property overhanging Willow Bank. The tree is highly prominent and of a significant age and as such has high amenity value both individually but also as part of the wider group/row of large mature trees on the property frontages of both Willow Bank and Smithies Lane. The works originally proposed were to crown reduce the tree by 2m all round, crown thin by 20% and crown lift to 4-5m as measured from the base of the tree and removing only smaller secondary and tertiary branches, however these were deemed to be too severe and as such a new works description was agreed. The new works description is as noted in the proposal section above.

The works proposed now are aimed to provide clearance from the neighbouring property across the road with a lesser reduction around the remainder to balance along with a crown lift to between 4 and 5m to provide suitable clearance for vehicles using Willow Bank.

The works now proposed as part of the amended works description are all intended to reduce issues experienced by neighbours and to provide safe clearance for vehicles. The level of works now will not be of detriment to the tree 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 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:

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



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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.