

# Independent Tree Panel for Sheffield

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Simon Green  
Executive Director of Place  
Sheffield City Council

By email

22 July 2016

Dear Simon

## **Swaledale Road**

The Independent Tree Panel has reviewed the City Council's plans for nine trees on Swaledale Road. We have taken into the account the technical information provided by the Council and the concerns raised by residents in their response to the household survey. We inspected the trees on 24 June 2016 and 11 July 2016. We have referred to the engineering solutions, as presented to the Highway Tree Advisory Forum on 2 September [2015] which are referred to in section 3.2 of the Streets Ahead Five Year Management Strategy 2012 – 2017 dated January 2016.

## **Household survey**

There are 63 households on the street. 25 responded to the household survey, of which 13 objected to the proposed removal and replacement of the trees.

## **Tree which is not present**

The tree opposite number 12 is not present, and appears to have been previously removed.

## **Trees which are healthy**

The remaining trees are in good condition and have good life expectancy. We advise that there is no arboricultural need to remove these trees.

We have therefore considered whether there are engineering solutions that would prevent the need for removal and replacement of these trees.

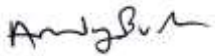
The tree outside number 6 is causing significant damage to the pavement and kerb. We advise that the extent of this damage justifies the removal and replacement of this tree.

The tree outside number 11 is causing damage to the pavement and kerb, and is also leaning into the carriageway. We advise that road safety considerations justify the removal and replacement of this tree.

The tree outside number 46-44 is causing significant damage to the kerb, and probably to an adjacent drainage gully. We advise that the extent of this damage justifies the removal and replacement of this tree.

The trees outside numbers 5, 11, 24, 29, 50 and 52a are causing some damage to the pavement and kerb. We consider that it would be feasible to retain these trees by a combination of engineering solutions 1, 3, 7 and 12, requiring the excavation and re-profiling of the footway, root pruning, use of thinner profile kerbs and making good tree pits where these are present. We advise the Council to consider these options.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Andy Buck', written in a cursive style.

Andy Buck  
Chair

Copy:  
Andrew Walshaw  
Independent Tree Panel members