

Independent Tree Panel for Sheffield

Simon Green
Executive Director of Place
Sheffield City Council

By email

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Dear Simon

Stockarth Lane

The Independent Tree Panel has reviewed the City Council's plans for one tree on Stockarth Lane. 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. 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

The tree that you propose to remove and replace is located close to the Middlewood Road end of the street.

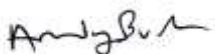
There are 43 households on the street. Six responded to the household survey, of which four objected to the proposed removal and replacement of the trees.

Tree which is healthy

The tree, a sessile oak, is in good condition and has good life expectancy. We advise that there is no arboricultural need to remove this tree.

We have therefore considered whether there are engineering solutions that would prevent the need for removal and replacement of this tree. The tree is located at the edge of the carriageway on the upside of the driveway to number 1a. There is no pavement. The tree therefore poses some risk of vehicle impact, and there is evidence of previous impact. However, we do not believe this justifies the removal and replacement of this tree. We believe that the installation of a simple hazard post (e.g. a zebraflex post), road markings or other appropriate hazard warnings would be sufficient. We therefore advise the Council to consider this.

Yours sincerely



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Chair

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