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For the attention of Daniel Atkinson
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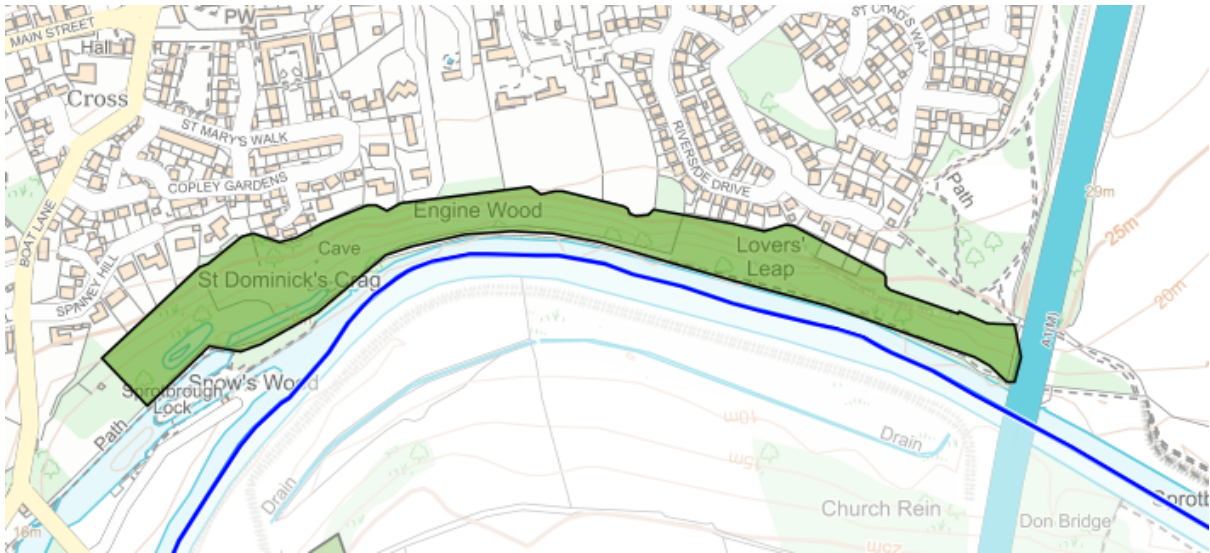
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Dear Daniel,

Planning reference: 21/02553/TPO - 4 Meadow Croft Sprotbrough Doncaster DN5 7YE - Consent to fell 5 Sycamore trees (T1, T3, T4, T5 and T7), fell one Hawthorn (T2) and crown lift one Yew (T6) by remove two lowest branches on the east elevation and single branch on the southwest elevation. The trees are within W28 Doncaster Borough Council Tree Preservation Order (No.209) 1998 Warmsworth, Sprotbrough, Marr and Brodsworth.

Thank you for your notification of the above application on 25th August 2021. The Parish Council discussed the application at its meeting on 16th September 2021 and wish to make the following observations;

1. The Parish Council welcomes the application to obtain the appropriate consents to undertake the work to the trees within the property boundary.
2. The Parish Council have no objection to the crown lift of one yew tree (T6) however they are concerned with the extent of the work to the trees particularly the removal of five sycamore trees and one hawthorn tree. The properties southern boundary forms part of a wider area of dense tree coverage behind the houses on Meadow Croft which is part of the embankment to the River Don which is located to the south of the property boundary. Removal of a large number of trees would puncture the tree coverage in this area and set a precedent for neighbouring properties to enable the removal of other trees along this section. The trees within this application cannot be seen in isolation and form part of a wider natural tree belt and important habitat which is designated as a SSSI (Sprotbrough Gorge) – as shown coloured green on the map extract below.



Paragraphs 180(b) and 180 (c) of the National Planning Policy framework state that;

b) development on land within or outside a Site of Special Scientific Interest, and which is likely to have an adverse effect on it (either individually or in combination with other developments), should not normally be permitted. The only exception is where the benefits of the development in the location proposed clearly outweigh both its likely impact on the features of the site that make it of special scientific interest, and any broader impacts on the national network of Sites of Special Scientific Interest;

c) development resulting in the loss or deterioration of irreplaceable habitats (such as ancient woodland and ancient or veteran trees) should be refused, unless there are wholly exceptional reasons and a suitable compensation strategy exists;

The removal of such a large number of trees within this application would be contrary to the above and should be refused.

If you require any further detail from us at this stage please let me know and we look forward to receiving your responses to the above points.

Kind regards,

E. Garner

Emma Garner
Clerk to the Council