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Sheffield Street Tree Removal this morning by Amey, Richard Pethen

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The standard response to every suggestion put to the Council by the ITP is: *After a review of the costs of building engineering solutions to retain trees that involve changes to the highway on a number of sample tree situations the cost of applying similar bespoke engineering solutions which are outside the Streets Ahead contract, across the rest of the highway network is estimated to be of the order of £14-26 million. The Council does not have such additional funding available and many solutions would also be of a short term nature.*

There is no arboricultural need to remove and replace this tree.

Despite the ITP stating the following:

The tree opposite number 25 is in good condition with good life expectancy. There is no arboricultural need to remove and replace this tree. The tree is causing some disruption to the pavement. It is not causing disruption to the kerb. We believe this could be resolved with engineering solutions, including 3, minor ramping and re-profiling the footway, and 12, the installation of a tree pit, which would extend slightly into the pavement, which would still be amply wide enough for pedestrians. We therefore advise the Council to consider this.

This tree has now been felled.



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