

SHEFFIELD TREE ACTION GROUPS (STAG)

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Tree Dispute Negotiations on the Table?

Exploratory meeting Wednesday 8th November

After years of bitter disagreement an end may be on the horizon for the battle between Street Tree Campaigners and Sheffield City Council.

On Wednesday 8 November a meeting will take place between senior figures from SCC and the Co-Chairs of STAG, Sheffield Tree Action Groups. On the agenda will be the possibility of meaningful negotiations to seek an end to the dispute that has lasted more than two years and seen the two parties in court several times.

One of the two STAG Chairs, Rebecca Hammond said:

This is not going to be an easy thing to achieve but with goodwill and people prepared to make a serious effort perhaps we can find a way to save the remaining healthy, harmless street trees that have been condemned by the Streets Ahead contractors.

Her Co-Chair, Chris Rust, added:

We have been hoping to have serious open talks for a very long time. It may need help from a professional mediator to create trust and a positive atmosphere but in the end talking is the only way to solve a problem like this. I know that our supporters across the city are still very determined and I think SCC recognise that they will continue to struggle with this problem for a long time if we can't find a solution acceptable to everyone.

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