

Sheffield Green Party councillor responds to tree protester court ruling



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Reacting to the news that Calvin Payne, an activist in Sheffield who protested against the felling of trees in the city by the council, has been given a suspended jail term, Green Party Councillor Alison Teal said:

“I am relieved that Calvin’s prison sentence of three months is suspended for a year. However, Mr Justice Males left no doubt that campaigners who breach the injunction will face jail terms. The court has ruled that the cost of tree protection is our liberty, and Sheffield Labour Council want protectors to pay that price. It would be far better for them to engage in Alternative Dispute Resolution than to seek to imprison residents.”

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