

**Consultation Response from KC,  
 Trees**
**2020/90110 16, Greenroyd Croft, Birkby, Huddersfield, HD2 2DQ**
**Alterations to existing decking and replacement planting**
**Date Responded: 10/02/20**
**Responding Officer: Nick  
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**Responding Ref: TPO 02/79**

As per my previous comments in December 2019, the proposals need to take into account the replacement trees that are required to be planted following consent issued under ref 2018/92208.

The difference between this and the previous application is not significant with regards to the space afforded for the replacement trees. As I stated in my previous comments;

*“The required replacements are to be 1.5-2m in height, 2 Oak and 2 Rowan. These trees when planted in the location shown on the submitted drawing will be 1m from a 4m high barrier to light. This will effectively prevent the growth and establishment of these trees in their first years.*

*If the trees do survive and have developed a crown, which is unlikely, they will be 1m from a fence at 4m high and therefore their developing crown structure will be in constant conflict with the proposed decking and fence.”*

This will still be the case with the proposed scheme under this application. The proposals will therefore effectively prevent the replacement of felled protected trees which would reduce the tree cover in the area and be contrary to policy LP33.

In addition, the importance of replacing trees when they are felled on a site (albeit in advance of this application for this site) has never been more pressing. The Council’s declaration of a climate emergency should focus attention on such sites where replacement trees will not be provided or allowed to establish as in this case.

