

**Consultation Response from KC,
 Trees**
2020/92350 Land south of, Heybeck Lane, Chidswell, Shaw Cross, Dewsbury
Outline application for residential development (Use Class C3) of up to 181 dwellings, engineering and site works, demolition of existing property, landscaping, drainage and other associated infrastructure
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Responding Officer:JR
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The general principle of the outline proposal and the access on this site is supported.

The illustrative layout and supporting arboricultural impact assessment, demonstrates that the site can be developed while incorporating the existing important trees, woodlands into the design and avoiding adverse impact on these features.

However, the hedgerow survey has identified a hedgerow which would be classified as ‘important’ under the Hedgerow Regulations. This specific hedgerow appears to be impacted by the current indicative layout. This hedgerow needs to be retained and incorporated into the layout as much as possible. Any impact on it will need mitigating for. This may include translocating sections of the hedgerow rather than simply removing it from the site. Potentially sensitively relocating it to a position where it is more associated with the adjacent ancient woodland. This could be looked at and controlled via condition if required.

Significantly more detail would need to be submitted with any subsequent detailed or reserved matters application: an arboricultural method statement, landscaping scheme (including new tree planting around the site), landscape/woodland management plan, consideration of the green streets principles within the highways layout etc

In addition, consideration needs to be given to management, and enhancements, of the adjacent ancient woodland. The proposed development immediately adjacent to this Woodland, is likely to result in informal access by the public over the long term in and around the woodland area. Given this, it would also be beneficial to the Woodland if public access to these sites was allowed under management from the start, to prevent adverse damage associated with more informal ad-hoc access.

