

Consultation Response from KC, Trees		
2021/90800 Hinchliffe Mill, Water Street, Holmbridge, Holmfirth, HD9 2NX		
Redevelopment and change of use of former mill site to form 19 residential units (within a Conservation Area)		
Date Responded: 23/12/21	Responding Officer: NG	Responding Ref: CA21
<p>The amended/updated tree information is an improvement and would now be sufficient. The Tree Assessment Plan ref 1507 rev 1 dated 02/12/21 clearly shows which trees would be removed to facilitate the proposals.</p> <p>The trees identified for removal are of low or limited value due to their condition or location. I would have no objection to the tree removals shown and as I stated previously the mitigation planting proposed in the Soft Landscaping Strategy would provide a good replacement of what is to be removed which is generally of low quality.</p> <p>The proposals are acceptable from a trees perspective as they have now sought to retain good quality trees and are mitigating the loss of low quality trees sufficiently. Should consent be granted a condition should however be attached to secure a Tree Protection Plan to detail the tree protection measures required on the site; this would need to be a pre-commencement condition and a suggested wording is included below.</p> <p>Suggested condition Notwithstanding the submitted plans and information, a Tree Protection Plan, in accordance with British BS 5837, shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority before development commences. The plan shall include details on how the retained trees will be protected during both demolition and construction.</p> <p>Reason: This is a pre-commencement condition so as to protect the viability of the retained trees within the application site during works on site, including to prevent compaction and damage to the roots of the trees as well as damage to the branches and stems of the trees. Thereafter, the development shall be carried out in complete accordance with the Tree Protection Plan to accord with Policy LP33 of the Kirklees Local Plan and advice within the National Planning Policy Framework</p>		