

**Consultation Response from KC,
Trees****2021/93150 Lowdham Leisureworld, Crosland Hill Road, Crosland Moor, Huddersfield, HD4 5NU****Residential development for 84 dwellings including demolition of existing buildings and ground works, provision of open space, landscaping and on-site infrastructure****Date Responded: 15/11/22****Responding Officer: Nick Goddard****Responding Ref: TPO 04/21**

The revised proposals for the site are an improvement since my previous comments. The retaining wall along Blackmoorfoot Road is still to be replaced and relocated but only in the southern section to avoid impacting significantly on the majority of the woodland protected by TPO 04/21. Some trees will need to be removed to allow the retaining wall work however the tree cover in this section is dominated by Poplar trees that have grown too close to the wall and could not be retained regardless of proposals on the site.

The remaining woodland is to be protected and retained as part of the revised proposals however the woodland will need managing to improve its condition and the species mix present. A woodland management plan should be provided by condition for the ongoing management and improvement of the woodland.

Within the site the retained trees will provide an attractive feature that will be beneficial to the setting of the new houses. I have some concerns about the proposed drainage runs which pass close to the trees however the detail of how these will be installed can be provided as part of an AMS, Arboricultural Method Statement.

Given the amendments to the site I am now satisfied that the proposals meet Local Plan policies LP33 and LP24. The protection of retained trees within and around the site is crucial to the successful integration of the trees. A detailed AMS and TPP, Tree Protection Plan, should be provided as part of a condition to demonstrate how the construction work will be managed and controlled to minimise harm to the retained trees.