

**Consultation Response from KC,
 Trees**
2021/93399 Land Adjacent to, 569 , New Hey Road, Mount, Huddersfield, HD3 3XN
Outline application for demolition of agricultural and storage buildings and erection of residential development (& dwellings)
Date Responded: 14/10/21
Responding Officer: NG
Responding Ref: TPO 13/21

This site houses a number of mature trees of significant public amenity that should be retained where at all possible so they can continue to provide amenity value and add to the character and setting of the area. A new TPO, ref 13/21, has been served to ensure such trees are considered within the planning process.

The proposals have broadly attempted to work around the tree constraints on the site and I am supportive in principle of the site being developed for residential use. An arboricultural impact assessment was submitted with the application which demonstrates the applicant's understanding of the value of the trees on site. As the proposals are for outline consent but include access and layout the detail is important in relation to trees.

The four trees internal to the site to be removed do not give cause for concern and could be easily mitigated with new trees within the site. These trees do not form part of the new TPO due to them being largely obscured from public view.

The entrance to the site is where the main impact on tree cover would be noticed. The loss of tree T2, T3 and T4 are of concern and do form part of the new TPO. These trees are located in an area of grass adjacent to the existing access. It appears they need to be removed to widen and move the access further towards no.593 New Hey Rd. The removal of T1, it should be noted is not of concern due to its poor form.

I would hope that the designs could be tweaked to allow the retention of at least T4 and mitigation planting be incorporated on the road frontage between T4 and T5 and near T1. This may be possible by adjusting the location of the first dwelling and would better preserve and ensure the line of trees along New Hey Road.

At present there is also no information provided as to how the retained trees will be protected from harm during construction and an arboricultural method statement should be secured or conditioned to ensure the retained trees continue to thrive and contribute to the area.