

**Consultation Response from KC,
Trees**
2022/91929 rear of, 111, Marsh Lane, Shepley, Huddersfield, HD8 8AS
Part demolition of existing building converted into garage and erection of detached bungalow
Date Responded: 05/07/22
Responding Officer: Nick Goddard
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The proposals require the removal of two trees, however no details of what trees they are or the mitigation for their loss has been submitted. The photos in the Design and Access Statement show the trees to be removed as Ash and a Hawthorn. From a site visit it was clear the Ash had been pollarded historically and was attempting to regrow a canopy, the hawthorn was a small field boundary tree typical of the species. Ash dieback was present in the canopy, the tree had not succumbed to the fungus at the time of my visit; however such historical management does leave the Ash tree exposed to extensive dieback in the future and therefore I would have no objection to its removal to facilitate the proposals.

The loss of these two trees on the boundary of the site will however open up views into and out of the developed land to the greenbelt to the south. It would be expected that two trees be planted on the same boundary to ensure future tree cover on the developed edge of Shepley. Details should be provided of the species, planting size, location and staking to be used to mitigate the tree loss.

The proposals require a driveway and alterations to ground levels at the entrance to the site. This will occur within the rooting area of a semi mature Birch tree. The ground around the base of the tree has been disturbed historically however some rooting activity would be expected in the surface layers of soil. The tree's age and species combined with the previous ground disturbance would mean it is unlikely the tree would suffer significant harm by the proposals.

For the reasons given above I would have no objection to the proposals but a condition to ensure retained trees are protected should be included, if consent is granted, to prevent accidental damage during the construction process.

Suggested condition:

Prior to development commencing protective fencing in accordance with British Standard BS 5837 shall be erected around all retained trees on the site.

Reason: So as to protect to viability of the protected mature trees within close proximity to the application site and to accord with Policy LP33 of the Local Plan and advice within the National Planning Policy Framework.