

**Consultation Response from KC,  
Trees**

**2022/93154 Land at, Penistone Road, Fenay Bridge, Huddersfield, HD8 0AW**

**Erection of 68 dwellings with associated access, parking, open space, landscaping and infrastructure works (including installation of surface water attenuation tank)**

**Date Responded: 21/11/22**

**Responding Officer: Nick Goddard**

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The proposals for development of the site for housing has largely taken into account the important trees on and around the site however amendments should be made to give more consideration to the rooting demands of a veteran Oak tree on the site's southern boundary

The tree information submitted provides a good assessment of the trees present and the potential impacts. In particular it provides detailed remedial pruning and removal of trees with defects at the northern end of the site which is much needed and supported.

On the southern boundary of the site is a veteran Oak tree, T21 in the submitted documents, that is being managed as a pollard and will continue to thrive if it is successfully protected from the proposals. The rooting area of this tree extends into the field and whilst I do agree with the assessment that the historic ploughing of the field will mean roots have developed lower in the soil layer, I am not satisfied that the position of plot 43 and the garage for plot 44 should be inside the rooting area.

The foundations required and likely soil strip that will occur around these plots (outside construction exclusion zones) will remove any roots of tree T21 from this area and could have a significant affect on the health of the tree. Veteran trees are old specimens which do not respond well to significant changes in their rooting area. The location of plot 43 and garage for plot 44 needs to be reconsidered to minimise the potential impact to this tree and allow a greater area around the tree to be protected from level changes and excavation.