

**Consultation Response from KC,  
 Trees**
**2022/93248 Piazza Centre, Princess Alexandra Walk, Huddersfield, HD1 2RS**

**Demolition of existing Piazza shopping centre; part removal of Queensgate Market; demolition/retention of service tunnels; redevelopment of the site to form new public realm space (including public park and gardens, play areas, public square/outdoor event space); refurbishment and change of use of existing Queensgate Market Hall into food hall (Use Class E (b) sale of food and drink for consumption, mostly, on the premises); refurbishment and extension of existing library and art gallery building to form museum (Use Class F.1); change of use of part existing market hall building and extension to form public library (Use Class F.1); erection of indoor event venue incorporating multi-storey car park below (Sui-Generis); erection of public gallery building (Class F.1); associated infrastructure on land and buildings at Queensgate Market, Huddersfield Library and Art Gallery, and Piazza (and The Shambles) Shopping Centre (part Listed Building/part within a Conservation Area)**

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**Responding Officer: Nick Goddard**
**Responding Ref: CA36**

The updated landscape scheme provides more planting around the Venue, car park and Queensgate frontage; and more tree planting on edge of The Square. The detail provided of the tree planting in general is very good and reassures the Council that the new trees will include large and medium trees with suitable soil volume for them to become established and withstand the environmental challenges of the urban area.

Tree cover in the site will increase as a result of the proposals and over time will have a much greener and softer environment for users of the area which along with the design of the landscape should encourage much more use of the green area than currently occurs. I am satisfied that the landscaping scheme not only replaces the trees removed from the existing site but will enhance the area with more trees that will create a better environment around the built elements.

I would be happy to support the proposals though please note the existing tree information will need to be updated so I would recommend a condition to request it be attached should consent be granted, example condition below.

**Example condition**

Notwithstanding the submitted plans and information, an Arboricultural Method Statement, in accordance with British BS 5837, shall be submitted and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority before development commences. The method statement shall include a Tree Protection Plan and details on how the construction work will be undertaken with minimal damage to the adjacent protected trees and their roots. Thereafter, the development shall be carried out in complete accordance with the Arboricultural Method Statement.

**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.