

Consultation Response from KC,

Trees

2022/92414 Land adj and access to 72/74, New North Road, Edgerton, Huddersfield, HD1 5NE

Formation of 8 parking spaces (Within a Conservation Area)

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Responding Officer: Matthew Moss

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The latest submitted plan (Rev D) now shows that the protected trees are to be retained within the proposed carpark area. Although this is an improvement on the original plan there still hasn't been any arboricultural information submitted, such as a tree survey or a tree constraints plan, which would have been very useful documents that could have been used to inform an acceptable design layout.

The current layout does not appear to account for the root protection areas of the protected trees and no information such as an arboricultural method statement or tree protection detail has been submitted to show how this carpark surface is to be constructed within or around the root protection areas of the trees without damaging the tree roots.

Bearing in mind that these trees are of significant size and will require a significant root protection area, I suggest that the current design still needs to be altered to facilitate any carparking spaces without causing harm, even if it means a reduction in the number of carparking spaces.

To progress this application any further I would like to see a tree survey which will provide the necessary information to create an accurate tree constraints plan which can then be used to inform a suitable design layout. Once these have been provided and are agreeable, we can discuss how it can be facilitated by working to an approved arboricultural method statement which includes tree protection detail.

Considering the concerns raised above and in the previous consultation, I cannot support this proposal at present.

