

<b>Consultation Response from Emma Mills</b> <b>KC Landscape</b>	
<b>Application No:</b>	2023/90024
<b>Proposed Development:</b>	Partial demolition of a Listed Building to facilitate refurbishment and extension of the George Hotel to form a 90+ room C1 hotel with associated ancillary uses (including bar, restaurant, gym, conference room) (within a Conservation Area)
<b>Location:</b>	George Hotel, St George's Square, Huddersfield, HD1 1JA
<b>Applicant/Agent:</b>	Bowman Riley
<b>Planning Officer</b>	Richard Riggs
<b>Date Responded:</b>	28 <sup>th</sup> April 2023
<b>Responding Officer:</b>	Christina Lee / Diana Brown
<b>Responding Ref:</b>	MM05

**NOTES/COMMENTS:** These comments are Without Prejudice

The landscape surrounding the George Hotel comprises of the car park, six existing trees and an existing planting bed. None of these sits within the red line boundary of the site.

On viewing the documents, we understand a tree survey was not requested.

The proposed plans look to retain T1, T2, T4 and T5, however we would like assurance that T3 and T6 are also to be kept.

Visuals within the D&A Statement, namely Diagram 9 on p. 21 and the Visual on p.25 appear to show the removal of trees T3 and T6.

We would deem this unnecessary and advise that they should be retained.

If this is not possible, then replacement trees need to be included. (Demonstrating adequate soil volumes and tree pit details to support the growth of the tree for the long term, such as: the volume of tree pits, details of soil volume & root management, details of installation, timing/planting season and long-term management).

The management of newly establishing trees should include, but is not limited to, a watering regime, monitoring of stakes and ties, formative pruning, replacement of failed or damaged trees.

Method statement regarding the protection of the existing trees and planting bed during the works is required.

The Proposed Roof Plan drawing (8662-BOW-ZZ-ZZ-DR-A-P210) does show the presence of a proposed green roof.

We would request further details such as proposed plant species. Preference is for native species, proven to be beneficial to pollinators where possible for this location.

Drawing 8662-BOW-ZZ-ZZ-DR-A-P202 Site Layout Proposed shows an existing retaining wall being reduced to ground level, but no indication of proposals as to what will function as a barrier to the revised car park boundary.

The configuration on this drawing looks to show a vehicle stopping area and a new pedestrian access along the edge of red line boundary, behind the sub-station.

This looks a less than welcoming thoroughfare and does raise security issues. Its exact purpose is not clear i.e., whether a maintenance access or for the public.

To create this entrance there is a reconfiguration of the railings and piers and note that these are listed.

As previously mentioned, existing tree T6 is shown on this plan, but not on the visualisation of the D&A Statement as well as T3.

Clarification required.

**Once the above information is received, KC Landscape should be consulted once again, and appropriate conditions can be brought forward.**