

**Consultation Response from KC,  
Trees****2023/91313 Land Adj, Scar Mills, Lockwood Scar, Lockwood, Huddersfield, HD4 6BL****Erection of 5 dwellings and associated works****Date Responded: 09/08/2023****Responding Officer: D. Atkinson****Responding Ref:**

There are many trees adjacent to this site, owned by Kirklees, and none are protected by a TPO at the time of this consultation. The trees positioned offsite form an important woodland corridor along the water course which should be protected from direct damage and encroaching development resulting in the deterioration of the woodland edge.

The proposals require the removal of three trees according to the submitted block layout however I am concerned that simply constructing plot 1 and 2 will result in the loss of more trees. The reason for this is the many trees growing on the banking that slopes down from the western edge of the site. These trees are not within the site boundary but will be effected directly by the construction works, in particular the foundation construction.

In addition to this the position of plot 1 and 2 will cause significant conflict with the offsite, Council owned trees as these trees grow and mature. The proximity of these two plots to the boundary will result in a significant pressure on the Council to prune or remove these trees which will further deteriorate the woodland edge, existing habitat and amenity value this woodland provides.

There is an objection to the proposal, and it conflicts with the Adopted Kirklees Council LP 33:

“The Council will not grant planning permission for developments which directly or indirectly threaten trees or woodlands of significant amenity value.

Proposals should normally retain any valuable or important trees where they make a contribution to public amenity, the distinctiveness of a specific location or contribute to the environment, including the wildlife Habitat Network and green Infrastructure networks.

Proposals will need to comply with relevant national standards regarding the protection of trees in relation to design, demolition and construction. Where tree loss is deemed to be acceptable, developers will be required to submit a detailed mitigation scheme”.

And LP 24:

“Proposals should promote good design by ensuring: - i) the retention of valuable or important trees and where appropriate the planting of new trees and other landscaping to maximise amenity and environmental benefits”.