Consultation Response from KC, Trees
2023/91838 New Hall Farm, New Hall Lane, Overton, WF4 4RP
Installation of renewable energy generating station comprising ground-mounted photovoltaic solar arrays together with substation, transformer stations, site accesses, internal access tracks, security measures, access gates, other ancillary infrastructure and landscaping and biodiversity enhancements
Date Responded: 22/11/2023 **Responding Officer: D. Atkinson** **Responding Ref:**

Thank you for the consultation and I apologise for the late reply.

From the Arb impact assessment (AIA) dated 23/06/2023 concludes that the proposed doesn't impact on existing trees and hedgerows on site.

The also appears to be only two small areas for the access/link roads to the main road network that are within/on the edge of the Kirklees Council area.

The Arb Method Statement (AMS) and Tree Protection Plan (TPP) appear acceptable, although it does look to be broad/heads of terms whereas ideally it should be specific in terms of trees/areas where the approaches/operations needed to minimise damage to trees are needed etc.

However, if the tree protection fencing is being installed outside/on the edge of the RPAs of the trees and thereafter being treated as sacrosanct for the duration of the construction phase. That might example the generic guidance in the AMS.

There appears to be a formatting error on the plans within the AIA, AMS and TPP. Where the text/key boxes aren't legible. It would be good for future reference if this can be corrected

Overall, there is no objection to the proposed from a tree's perspective, subject to conditions requiring the AMS, TPP and arboriculture site monitoring/supervision detailed in the AMS be undertaken during the implementation of the development.