

**Consultation Response from KC,
Trees**

2023/92040 Low Farm, Wakefield Road, Grange Moor, Huddersfield, WF4 4BB

Discharge condition 10 (Arboricultural Method Statement) and 11 (Access Roads) on previous permission 2021/93644 for erection and operation of grid-connected solar photovoltaic farm to supply up to 49.9MW, with ancillary infrastructure and landscaping and biodiversity enhancements

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Responding Officer: D. Atkinson

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Thank you for the consultation.

Now the formatting error on the plans of the Arboricultural Method Statement (Arbtech AMS 01 Rev B)(AMS) the method statement is now acceptable for the first part discharge (i.e. agreement of plans/information) of condition 10 of the previous permission 2021/93644 which is:

Prior to development commencing, an Arboricultural Method Statement with Tree Protection Plan in accordance with British BS5837 shall be submitted to, and approved in writing by, the Local Planning Authority. The method statement shall include 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 and protected trees within close proximity to the application site and to accord with Policy LP33 of the Kirklees Local Plan. This is a pre-commencement condition, given the need for adequate consideration of mitigation measures (again harm to trees) prior to works commencing on site.

The AMS describes arboriculture supervision by the project arborist for the development when it is being implemented.

The arboricultural consultant is required to attend site to directly supervise all demolition and construction works that have to be undertaken within the root protection areas. This will include:

1. Pre-commencement site meeting.
2. Location of protective measures.
3. Installation of no dig surfacing above RPAs.
4. Any demolition and or excavations within or adjacent to RPAs, including foundations, hard surfacing, or underground services (a non-exhaustive list).

So for the full discharge of the condition 10 the applicant and project arborist will need to demonstrate to the Local Authority that the supervision detailed within the approved AMS took place on site during construction.