

**Consultation Response from KC,  
Trees**
**2023/92892 35, Chadwick Crescent, Dewsbury, WF13 2JF**
**Erection of single storey side extension and alterations**
**Date Responded: 15/02/2024**
**Responding Officer: D. Atkinson**
**Responding Ref: 06/92**

Thank you for the consultation.

The trees to the south of the property and overhanging the application site are protected trees subject to Tree Preservation Order (TPO) 06/92.

A Tree Preservation Order is an order made by a local planning authority in England to protect specific trees, groups of trees or woodlands in the interests of amenity. An Order prohibits the:

- cutting down
- topping
- lopping
- uprooting
- wilful damage
- wilful destruction

of trees without the local planning authority's written consent.

The RPAs of the trees on the tree survey, arb impact assessment and the AMS provided with the application are shown as squares and there doesn't appear to be an explanation as to why. KC trees are assuming it is formatting error.

The RPA for each tree should initially be plotted as a circle centred on the base of the stem. Where pre-existing site conditions or other factors indicate that rooting has occurred asymmetrically, a polygon of equivalent area should be produced. Modifications to the shape of the RPA should reflect a soundly based arboricultural assessment of likely root distribution.

There is comment within the AIA that the root protection areas of the surveyed trees have been adjusted in accordance with BS5837:2012 to take into account existing site condition such as retaining walls, past development, and heavily compacted clay soils. But it would be helpful to know where these features are in relation to the trees.

Please can KC trees have clarification on the above. For the time being there is a holding objection from a KC trees perspective. Because the proposal conflicts with adopted Kirklees Council Local Plan Policy LP 33.