Consultation Response from KC,
Trees

2023/92984 Brookside, 67, Hall Ing Lane, Honley, Holmfirth, HD9 6QW

Erection of extension to create first floor, single storey extensions and associated alterations

Date Responded: 29/11/2023
Responding Officer: D. Atkinson
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Thank you for the consultation and I apologise for the late reply.

The proposed development site is constrained by a number of trees that are protected by a Tree Preservation Order (TPO) that are to the west of the dwelling.

The trees are subject to TPO 01/96.

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. If consent is given, it can be subject to conditions which have to be followed. In the Secretary of State's view, cutting roots is also a prohibited activity and requires the authority's consent.

There is no tree survey information provided with the application. As a result, it is difficult to assess the potential impacts of the proposed development of the existing trees and vice-versa.

Foreseeably, there'd be some encroachment into the RPAs of trees and facilitation pruning needed.

Overall, there is a holding objection to the proposed from a trees perspective as it is conflicting with adopted Kirklees Council Local Plan Policy 33.

From a trees perspective the following is needed at this stage:

- A tree survey following the guidance in BS5837:2012
- Arboriculture impact assessment following the guidance in BS5837:2012

Likely subject to conditions:

- A detailed Arb Method Statement for the demolition and construction works within the RPAs and vicinity of retained trees.
- Dimensioned TPP.
- A specification of facilitation pruning.