

**Consultation Response from KC,
Trees**

**2023/93419 Lawrence Batley Recreational Complex, New Hey Road, Salendine Nook,
Huddersfield, HD3 3XF**

**Discharge conditions 5 (cycle storage), 10 (noise assessment), 11 (hours of use), 14 (lighting),
15 (timber post), 16 (electric vehicle charging), 18 (AMS) on previous permission 2021/93645 for
installation of a new 3G synthetic turf pitch, upgraded and extended grass pitches, car-parking
and additional landscape works**

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Responding Officer: D. Atkinson

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

The condition KC trees are interested in is condition 18 on previous permission 2021/93645 for installation of a new 3G synthetic turf pitch, upgraded and extended grass pitches, car-parking and additional landscape works and is:

Prior to the removal of the protected trees identified in the approved plan (HGCT_MP4_31-1-22_TREE ID & PLANTING), an Arboricultural Method Statement, in accordance with British BS 5837, shall be submitted and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The method statement shall include details on how the remaining construction work, including the installation of drainage, will be undertaken with minimal damage to the adjacent protected trees and their roots. The AMS should also provide a pruning specification for the pruning proposed in relation this development. 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 trees within close proximity to the application site and to accord with Policy LP33 of the Kirklees Local Plan and advice within the National Planning Policy Framework.

The Arboricultural Method Statement for Laund Hill Rugby Pitch dated 16 March 2022 Rev A comments "While not expected for this scheme, if any facilitation pruning of branches becomes necessary then this should be undertaken to the guidelines of BS3998:2010 by a competent tree surgeon and ideally under the supervision of the Site Arboriculturalist. A record should be kept of any root or branch pruning, including the location of such works, diameters and frequency of the roots/branches pruned."

However, during the initial planning application there was pruning and tree removal proposed to facilitate the development and that is clear from reading the comments and exchanges between KC trees and the project arboriculturist at the time.

As the Client should appoint a Site Arboriculturalist whose role it will be to supervise where necessary and provide guidance on those aspects of the development which have the potential to cause damage to retained trees, either directly or indirectly. It would be helpful to have a schedule for auditable/audited system of arboricultural site monitoring, including a schedule of specific site events requiring input or supervision. For example to help ensure things like Stage 3 - Pre-construction tree works, Stage 4 - Identification and marking out of Root Protection Areas and position of temporary tree protection fencing and Stage 8 – Temporary tree protection fencing removal are carried out in accordance with the eventual approved detail and at the appropriate time.

Overall, now condition 18 can't be discharged as the information provide hasn't provided a pruning/removal specification for the facilitation tree works in relation this development and needs to provide auditable system of arboricultural site monitoring.