

**Consultation Response from KC,
Trees**
2023/93561 20C, North Road, Kirkburton, Huddersfield, HD8 0NX
Engineering operations to form vehicular access
Date Responded: 08/04/2024
Responding Officer: D. Atkinson
Responding Ref:

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

The proposed development site is significantly constrained by existing trees. This would have been a proposal that should have been supported by a tree survey and arb impact assessment that follows the guidance in BS5837:2012.

The trees aren't within a conservation area or subject to a Tree Preservation Order (TPO), but regardless their retention and long-term prospects is a key consideration within a planning application whether they are protected or not.

Formalising the hard surfaces for carparking isn't a nonstarter from a tree's perspective. However, for the proposed to be acceptable the construction of the surfaces would need to use a "none-dig" approach.

Cellweb® Tree Root Protection (TRP) would be an example of an industry recognised approach that would likely be able to achieve the proposal while minimising the impact on the trees.

Overall, from a trees perspective there is no objection subject to a condition for a detail Arb Method Statement (AMS) be agreed and the following condition (happy to discuss):

Cellular confinement system

The development hereby approved shall not commence until a detailed construction of the proposed parking area has been agreed in writing with the local planning authority that uses an industry recognised cellular confinement system. There after the approved construction/design shall be implemented in complete accordance with the approved detail.

Reason – Retention and protection existing trees within the development and adopted Local Plan policy 33 and 24(i).