

**Consultation Response from KC,
Trees**

2024/92031 Headlands Works, Headlands Road, Liversedge, WF15 7NT

Outline application for erection of residential development, adoptable road and public open space

Date Responded: 12/11/2025

Responding Officer: Hazel Irving

Responding Ref:

The following documents are required in support of planning applications, all of which should be in accordance with BS 5837:

Detailed/full planning applications:

- A survey of the trees located on, and immediately adjacent to, the site and/or are capable of influencing the proposed site. To include assessment of the condition of the trees and their retention value.
- An Arboricultural Impact Assessment. Which should incorporate a realistic assessment of the probable impact of any proposed development on the trees and vice versa. To include but not limited to; assessments of the factors set out in section 5 of BS 5837; plan overlaying the proposals with tree constraints including shade patterns; evaluation of impact of proposed losses and necessary pruning; draft tree protection plan
- An Arboricultural Method Statement to demonstrate that proposed operations can be undertaken with minimal risk of adverse impact to the trees to be retained. To include, but not limited to, special engineering within root protection areas and other relevant construction details, any site monitoring and a timeline of proposed operations.
- A Tree Protection Plan which is superimposed on to a layout plan based on a topographical survey and tree survey. This should include the precise location of protective barriers, the extent of any ground protection, and additional measures that will be installed to safeguard trees and their root protection areas.
- A schedule of works, to include facilitation pruning and any landscaping details.
Details of existing and proposed levels.

The results of the tree survey, including material constraints arising from existing trees that merit retention, should be used (along with any other relevant baseline data) to inform feasibility studies and design options, which should seek to retain any valuable trees in line with Kirklees Local Plan Policies and the NPPF.

LP 33: "The Council will not grant planning permission for developments which directly or indirectly threaten trees or woodlands of significant amenity value.

Proposals should normally retain any valuable or important trees where they contribute to public amenity, the distinctiveness of a specific location or contribute to the environment, including the wildlife Habitat Network and green Infrastructure networks. Proposals will need to comply with relevant national standards regarding the protection of trees in relation to design, demolition and construction."

LP 24: "Proposals should promote good design by ensuring: - i) the retention of valuable or important trees"

There is a holding objection from an arboricultural perspective. The proposal conflicts with adopted Kirklees local plan policy 33 and 24 (i). An AIA/AMS in accordance with British BS 5837, must be submitted and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority.