

**Consultation Response from KC,
Trees****2024/92281 Land adj, 17, Whitehall Road West, Birkenshaw, BD11 2LS****Erection of 23 dwellings****Date Responded: 30/10/2024****Responding Officer: JD****Responding Ref: 03/18**

There is still no, up to date, tree information that has been submitted, only four-year-old tree survey date which does not represent the current site. There is a need for a recent Arboricultural Impact Assessment (AIA) to be completed in order to show the site as it currently exists. It is clear from a desk-based assessment that every non protected tree has been removed from the site which has already had a large, negative, impact on the surrounding landscape. There must be an up-to-date AIA and AMS (Arboricultural Method Statement) submitted to show no harm will come to the protected trees to the south of the site.

From the plans submitted it is clear that the gardens of plots 7 to 12 will be cast in shade for the majority of the day. This will lead to future pressure to have the protected trees removed which would then mean the entire development would be void of any mature trees and the amenity value they provide.

There is a **holding** objection from a trees perspective. The proposal conflicts with adopted Kirklees local plan policy 33 and 24 (i).

