Consultation Response from KC, Trees
2024/93221 Parkwood Mill, Stoney Lane, Longwood, HD3 4ZQ
Erection of 5 dwellings and associated works (within a Conservation Area)
Date Responded: 22/01/2024 **Responding Officer: JD** **Responding Ref: 04/98**

There are a number of trees protected by TPO 04/98 on this site which line the southern boundary.

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.

Whilst the proposals appear to be achievable without any direct impact on the trees there are concerns that due to the location of these trees a large portion of the site will be cast in shade though out the day. The proposals show very limited sized gardens which will rarely see daylight due to the trees being on a raised bank and situated to the south. This can lead to residents putting pressure on the council to have these trees worked on or even removed. The proposed gardens and car park is also likely to see seasonal detritus falling from the trees which in turn leads to even more pressure to have the trees removed or worked on.

Not only are these trees protected but they are categorised as category A and B trees, with some small C trees in between.

There is a need for an Arboricultural Impact Assessment (AIA) to be produced showing the proposals overlaid with the tree information of the site. This will help determine the exact distances the buildings are from the trees and will make it easier to assess the true impact the proposals would have on the adjacent trees. There is also a need for the AIA to show the canopy shade through out the day so this impact can be seen.

There is a holding objection until the above information is submitted and a true judgment can be made with regard to direct and indirect impact on the surrounding protected trees.