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: 08/07/2025 **Responding Officer: Hazel Irving** **Responding Ref: 04/98**

Previous comments regarding the significant shadow cast by the protected trees on the southern boundary have been addressed by moving the proposed dwellings slightly northward. However, realistically this amendment will not significantly reduce the shading in the rear gardens, which would still be almost perpetually cast in shadow.

As previous stated, future residents of the proposed dwellings are unlikely to tolerate the presence of the protected trees overhanging the rear gardens, nor the nuisance of shedding branches or falling leaves. Additionally, as the trees are located to the south of the proposed dwellings, and the future residents may not tolerate the shade cast by the canopies, which cast all the rear gardens into shadow and extends almost completely over the entire row buildings. These conflicts would place pruning pressure on the TPO'd trees, and they may also be pressure to remove them entirely.

Unfortunately, there remains an objection from an arboricultural perspective, as they conflict with Kirklees Council Local Plan Policy 33 and 24(i).

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 make a contribution 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"