

Consultation Response from KC,
Trees

2024/93489 land north of, Paul Lane, Flockton, Huddersfield, WF4 4BP

Erection of agricultural building, formation of new internal road and yard, re-grading of land, provision of landscaping and associated works

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Responding Officer: Hazel Irving

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There is a woodland TPO present on the site, identified as: KB2/50/w14. This refers to Cock Hat Wood and also protects the trees xxx. 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.

The proposed removals of T14 and G2 are acceptable, with 1:1 replacement planting in a suitable location within the site. The replacement planting should comprise species reflective of the trees which were lost, such as sycamore and silver birch.

It is understood that the proposed gravel track would encroach on the root protection areas of T5 and two trees from within W1.

To minimise damage to the roots of trees, root pruning of T5 is acceptable and should be carried out under arboricultural supervision.

It is also acceptable for no-dig construction methodologies to be used within the proposed road which overlaps with the RPAs of the two trees from W1. We expect the impact of this to be low, where the new gravel surfacing is positioned on top of the existing dirt track.

In summary, we find no objection from an arboricultural perspective with the proposed layout, but we would seek to condition an arboricultural method statement (AMS) and tree protection plan to show how the retained trees will be protected throughout development.