

**Consultation Response from KC,  
Trees**

**2025/90013 Dewsbury and District Hospital, Halifax Rd, Dewsbury, WF13 4HS**

**Discharge of details reserved by conditions 5 (Arboricultural Method Statement) and 15 (bat/swift box) on previous permission 2023/91345 for erection of single storey building with roof top plant area to provide outpatient theatres, treatment rooms and consultant rooms with link to Boothroyd building, including demolition and remodelling of existing ramp and associated landscaping and drainage**

**Date Responded: 22.01.25**

**Responding Officer: H Irving**

**Responding Ref: 33a/96**

It is understood that three category C trees (T1, T3 and T4) would be removed to facilitate the construction of the proposals. There are no objections to these removals from an arboricultural perspective.

T2, a category B tree would be impacted by a proposed footway/ ramp, which would pass slightly within the RPA (3%). It is also noted that there is an existing slabbed footpath which runs closely adjacent to the stem of the tree, which would require careful removal to prevent root damage, before being covered over by fresh soil. There are no objections to this work from an arboricultural perspective.

The Habitat Enhancement Plan shows that one new tree (species tbd) is proposed to be planted in the area of soft landscaping between the existing and proposed buildings. As this is a small area, it is recommended that an appropriate small, fastigate tree species is selected to avoid future conflicts with either building. In this case as there is limited space and limited light, I would suggest small, shade tolerant species such as rowan, whitebeam, hazel, cherry, or maple.

e.g. Flagpole cherry (*Prunus serrulata* 'Amanogawa'), Corkscrew Hazel (*Corylus avellana* 'Contorta') or snakebark maple (*Acer grosseri*).

These species offer good amenity value and have non-aggressive roots that would be unlikely to damage the foundations of the building.