

**Consultation Response from KC,
Trees**

2025/91348 2, East Street, Batley, WF17 5QY

Erection of two storey side extension

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Responding Officer: Hazel Irving

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There are no TPOs affected trees on or adjacent to the site and the site is not located within a Conservation Area. However, there is a line of trees on the southern boundary which could be impacted by the development. The ownership of these trees must be established.

For applications to demonstrate that they meet the requirements of Kirklees Local Plan policies, it is a requirement that all planning applications, that may affect trees, are supported by the necessary documents set out in British Standard BS 5837, Trees in Relation to Design, Demolition and Construction Recommendations.

On that basis the following documents are required in support of planning applications, all of which should be in accordance with BS 5837:

- A survey of the trees located on, and immediately adjacent to, the site and/or can influence the proposed site. To include assessment of the condition of the trees and their retention value.
- An Arboricultural Impact Assessment. Which should incorporate a realistic assessment of the probable impact of any proposed development on the trees and vice versa. To include but not limited to; assessments of the factors set out in section 5 of BS 5837; plan overlaying the proposals with tree constraints including shade patterns; evaluation of impact of proposed losses and necessary pruning; draft tree protection plan.

An AMS may also be required subject to the findings of the Arboricultural Impact Assessment to detail how any impacted trees can be protected from the proposed development.

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 contribute 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"

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