Consultation Response from KC, Trees

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

Erection of two storey side extension

Date Responded: 09/01/2026
Responding Officer: Hazel Irving
Responding Ref: N/A

A tree survey and AIA (ref: WC-436.1a) produced by Woodsage Consulting has been reviewed by KC trees.

There are off-site trees which would be impacted by the development of these proposals. These are identified within the submitted tree survey as **G001, T003 and T004.**

T005 (CAT C) and T002 (CAT B) which are onsite sycamores within the area of the proposed development have been shown as removed within the AIA. NPPF S.12 p.136 states that existing trees must be retained wherever possible. The felling of these healthy trees goes against the NPPF, BS5837:2012 Trees in relation to design, demolition and construction – Recommendations, and Kirklees Local Plan Policies 33 and 24(i).

Due to the proposed removal of T002 T003 and T005 and the extent of the incursion into the RPA of offsite tree T003, the current proposal cannot be supported by KC trees. To avoid further objections from KC trees, the footprint of the extension must be reduced so that construction is proposed in harmony with retained trees, allowing for future movement and growth.

If the planning officer chooses to grant planning permission on the balance, an AMS will need to be agreed in writing and mitigation tree planting will be sought by condition, along with appropriate measures specified to secure the long-term maintenance of the newly-planted trees.