

**Consultation Response from KC,
Trees****Moorgate Farm, Moor Lane, Netherthong, Holmfirth, HD9 3UP****Construction of padel court****Date Responded: 12/02/2026****Responding Officer: Hazel Irving****Responding Ref: 66/92/g2**

There are trees which could potentially be impacted by the development of these proposals. This includes trees protected by **66/92**.

A Tree Preservation Order is an order made by a local planning authority in England to protect specific trees, groups of trees or woodlands in the interests of amenity. 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 AIA ref WC-416.1a states that eight individual trees and two groups of trees with the potential to be impacted by the development proposals. Additionally, six category B trees will require pruning to facilitate the development. These trees are protected by TPO ref. 66/92/g2.

The crowns of T002, T003, T004, T005, T006, and T008 all overhang the proposed location of the padel court. As such, the following facilitation pruning work will need to be carried out to these trees prior to development works commencing:

- Branches extending east from T002 should be reduced by approximately 1 m
- Branches extending east from T003 should be reduced by approximately 1 m
- Branches extending east from T004 should be reduced by approximately 2 m
- Branches extending east from T005 should be reduced by approximately 2 m
- Branches extending east from T006 should be reduced by approximately 1 m
- The southern lower crown of T008 should be lifted **from the branch tips, to allow 5m ground clearance** over the proposed padel court.

The AiA shows that the RPA of T8 would be incurred by the proposals, however the RPAs of T1-T7 have been offset 20-40% to the West due a ground level change and retaining wall immediately East of the trees.

The padel court base will be constructed using a suspended slabs on mini-piles to minimise disturbance to the roots of protected trees.

There are no objections to the proposals from an arboricultural perspective subject to the approval of a submitted Arboricultural Method Statement. Please see AMS Condition below:

AMS Condition

Development shall not commence until an Arboricultural Method Statement, has been submitted to, and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The method statement shall include details on how the demolition and construction work will be undertaken to minimise damage to the retained trees. Thereafter, the development shall be carried out in complete accordance with the Arboricultural Method Statement.

Reason: This detail is required prior to development commencing on site to protect to viability of the protected trees and to accord with Policy LP33 of the Kirklees Local Plan and the National Planning Policy Framework.