

**Consultation Response from KC,
Trees**

2025/92993 rear of, 9, Riley Lane, Kirkburton, Huddersfield, HD8 0RZ

Erection of detached dwelling with integral garage

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Responding Officer: Hazel Irving

Responding Ref:

Planning application supporting information

For applications to demonstrate that they meet the requirements of Kirklees Local Plan policies LP33 and LP24i, 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:

Detailed/full planning applications:

- 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 Arboricultural Method Statement to demonstrate that proposed operations can be undertaken with minimal risk of adverse impact to the trees to be retained. To include, but not limited to, special engineering within root protection areas and other relevant construction details, any site monitoring and a timeline of proposed operations.
- A Tree Protection Plan which is superimposed on to a layout plan based on a topographical survey and tree survey. This should include the precise location of protective barriers, the extent of any ground protection, and additional measures that will be installed to safeguard trees and their root protection areas.
- A schedule of works, to include facilitation pruning and any landscaping details.
- Details of existing and proposed levels.

The ‘Proposed Tree Removal Plan’ shows that it would be necessary to remove 18 trees and a linear boundary group, as well as potentially threaten offsite trees on neighbouring properties. KC trees objects to the proposals as this development would have significant tree impacts, and the required documentation has not been submitted in support of the application.

Local plan Policies:

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 make a contribution 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”