

**Consultation Response from KC,
Trees**
2026/90144 Land off, Leak Hall Road, Denby Dale, Huddersfield, HD8 8NJ
Erection of detached dwelling with associated access and car parking
Date Responded: 8/4/26
Responding Officer: Irving
Responding Ref: n/a

The site is not within a Conservation Area, and there are no TPOs affecting the site.

No tree survey has been carried out. From a desk-based study there was previously established boundary hedgerows and vegetation within the site. The vegetation was removed at some time between July 2025 and March 2026. This is poor practice as all UK planning applications must consider trees and hedges as a material consideration.

KC trees would like to see a robust landscaping plan, including tree planting to be produced to adequately compensate for loss of canopy cover and associated benefits. The planting should be comprised of ecologically valuable, native species.

There are no objections to the proposals from an arboricultural perspective subject to the following condition:

1. Landscape (Submission, Implementation and Maintenance)

Prior to the commencement of development, full details of a comprehensive scheme of hard and soft landscaping shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority. The scheme shall include:

a) Soft landscaping details including planting plans and schedules specifying the location, numbers, species, sizes and planting densities of all proposed planting, including trees, hedgerows, shrubs and grassed areas, together with a plan of existing trees and landscape features (such as groups of trees, woodland, hedgerows and shrubs) to be retained or removed in accordance with BS5837:2012. Any proposed new trees shall be illustrated with details of species, anticipated spread and ultimate maturity. Written specifications for planting, cultivation and establishment shall be provided;

b) Details demonstrating that the proposed landscaping, including trees and hedgerows, will not adversely affect overhead or underground services, easements or drainage infrastructure.

c) All landscaping works shall be carried out in accordance with the approved details prior to the first occupation of the development, or otherwise in accordance with the approved implementation programme.

g) All trees, shrubs, hedgerows and other planting forming part of the approved landscaping scheme shall be maintained for a period of five years following completion. Any plant which, within this period, dies, is removed, becomes seriously damaged or diseased shall be replaced in the next available planting season with a specimen of similar size and species, unless otherwise agreed in writing by the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: To ensure a high-quality and well-designed scheme of hard and soft landscaping, including hedgerows, that enhances visual and residential amenity, conserves landscape and environmental features, and secures the successful establishment and long-term retention of planting, in accordance with Policies LP24, LP30, LP32, LP35 and LP63 of the Kirklees Local Plan and Chapter 12 of the National Planning Policy Framework.