

**Consultation Response from KC,
Trees**

2026/90938 land at, Hanging Stone Road, Berry Brow, Huddersfield, HD4 7QU

Erection of detached dwelling (within the curtilage of a Listed Building)

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Responding Officer: JD

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The site is almost completely surrounded and inhabited by trees many of which are protected under TPO HU1/74.

Tree T1 is protected by the above mentioned TPO and it appears that its only defect would be the presence of dead wood, which is common amongst woodlands or dense groups of trees. It's categorisation as a category C tree appears unjust and without further evidence to display the degree of deadwood present KC trees believes the tree may warrant a higher category. Its removal is proposed purely to facilitate the access road which, given its protection and lack of Arboricultural reasons for removal, KC trees would object to its removal as it would have a direct impact on the immediate landscape.

The proposed building of retaining walls to the north and south of the access driveway runs directly through multiple trees root protection areas. Even though hand dig techniques have been recommended KC trees is of the opinion that the amount and size of the roots encountered will be significant and all roots above 25mm in diameter which would be retained would in fact make the retaining walls and proposed driveway unachievable. Any root pruning would have a direct impact on the trees ability to source water and nutrients whilst creating pruning wounds which are susceptible to infection.

The house and orangery are situated directly North of 3 large, mature trees. The suggested pile and raft foundations of the orangery in theory may be achievable with some investigation into the location of large tree roots. However, the entire purpose of an orangery is to allow an abundance of light to flood the room which will be impossible due to the location of the large trees to the south. This would create an indirect threat to have these trees removed due to them continually shading the room whilst dropping detritus on its roof for a large portion of the year.

Because of the multiple concerns detailed above and the lack of alternative options there is an objection from a trees perspective. The proposal conflicts with adopted Kirklees local plan policy 33 and 24 (i)

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"