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Dear Mr and Mrs R Turner

**Application 2026/62/91078/W – Arboricultural consultation response**

The above planning application has been submitted for the erection of an agricultural building and the Kirklees Council's internal arboricultural consultee has provided a holding objection until further information is provided. I set out below the issues in relation to the trees and what actions should be taken.

**Desk Study**

A desk study reviewing the ancient tree inventory and Natural England's ancient woodland inventory has established none of the trees near the proposed development are veteran nor part of an ancient woodland. The name of Carter Planation reinforces that the block of trees would have been planted and is not ancient woodland.

Kirklees Council's online map shows that the site is not within a conservation area, but Carter Plantation is protected by a tree preservation order reference ME1/57/W12. It is assumed, in the absence of further detail, based on the reference number that the TPO protects the trees with a woodland designation; it would therefore protect all trees irrespective of their age or presence when the order was made.

**Root protection area**

In the absence of a topographical survey showing accurate tree locations, the stem diameter for the largest tree has been measured and this was a stem diameter of 73cm. By using the largest tree to calculate root protection area it would ensure the root protection area for small trees within the woodland are also protected.

The root protection area for a tree of 73cm diameter would extend to 8.8m from the tree stem. In the absence of a topographical survey with stem locations, and to err on the side of caution, the root protection area should be assumed to start on the boundary of the woodland and extend 8.8m outwards. This would ensure that more than the minimum root protection is provided for all trees.

### **Impact on original design**

The Proposed Block Plan dated 08/2025 with reference 25/1208/03a shows the proposed building at approximately 5m from the woodland. Rainwater piped drainage would be installed below ground between the agricultural building and the woodland which would further affect the root protection area of the woodland trees.

### **Recommendations**

The location of the agricultural building should be adjusted so that it is at least 10m from the woodland boundary. This would allow space for the rainwater pipe excavation to be outside of the root protection area for the woodland trees and avoid detrimental impact upon the trees.

Provided the building is relocated the above provides evidence that the building lies outside of the woodlands root protection area and therefore addresses the concerns raised by Kirklees Trees.

To ensure that the trees, their roots and the soil they are within are protected during construction it is important to make the root protection area a construction exclusion zone. It is recommended that the area is fenced off prior to and during construction to prevent access for storage of movement of machinery.

Should you have any queries regarding the above do not hesitate to let me know.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Howard Booth', written in a cursive style.

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