

**Consultation Response from KC,
Trees**

2026/91314 Ash Meadow, East Avenue, Lindley, Huddersfield, HD3 3LW

Erection of detached supported-living dwelling with associated access, parking, landscaping and subdivision of existing residential curtilage (within a Conservation Area)

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After reviewing the submitted Arboricultural documentation and responses the level of impact on the surrounding trees is still deemed too high.

There are 4 individual trees and 2 groups to be removed to facilitate the proposals. 5 of the 6 removals are category B trees which means they are of higher value and should be retained where possible and should only be considered for removal if there is sufficient justification. There is also a significant level of planned works within RPA's of retained trees. Whilst sensitive design options have been proposed within RPA's there is still likely to be an impact which only increases the overall Impact to the site.

Furthermore, the trees suggested for removal are large growing specimens such as Common Lime and European Larch with mitigation planting being a Crab Apple, Holly and 2x Rowan. All proposed mitigation planting are small growing specimens which would never provide the level of amenity value the removed trees currently provide.

There are also other concerns of indirect impact such as shading, dropping of seasonal detritus and falling branches. The proposed building is situated to the North of 22T which means it will likely be cast in shade most of the day. The shedding of leaves, dead branches and excessive shading are some of the leading causes for works to protected trees applications. Therefore the pressure to have these protected trees pruned or even removed is likely to increase as a result of the development.

Overall, the level of impact is deemed to be too great for KC trees to support. The plans are in direct conflict 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"