

36, The Ghyll,
Fixby,
Huddersfield.
HD2 2FE.

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Planning Department
Kirklees MC

Att. Case Officer; Laura Yeadon

RE. Application 2026/62/92432/W
Jilley Royd Lane, Fixby.

I was employed by KMC as Chief Landscape Architect in the 1970's and early 1980's and I was aware of the plan to retain the woodland belts throughout the site to separate pockets of development and Tree Preservation Orders were placed accordingly.

The original builder had his site cabins on this very plot and applied for an extra bungalow here. This was refused.

I moved to live on the estate in 1984 and by then I was Assistant Director of Leisure. In my capacity, I rented the land for Leisure Services, as it was owned by the LA and held by Estates. My father and I added understory planting and carried out litter removal for a number of years and created a pleasant amenity area, until the Council sold the Freehold to Thornhill Estates. They subsequently sold many freehold plots to individuals for cash flow purposes, and Mr Anwar bought this plot which is the subject of the application. He seemed to think that because he owned the freehold he could use it as he wished. However, Covenants remain in place and now he is directly responsible for maintaining the land in good condition and not to cause noise or nuisance to other residents. (for example), as we all are.

Soon after having stripped out all the understory vegetation (Note his responses to the diversity questions in the application), without any relevant permissions he attempted to import rubble fill through this access, intending to provide a hard surface for the cars which were going to park there. Not my interpretation, his explanation to local residents. Some local residents were happy with the idea as it would reduce the parking of cars on the street outside his home on the Fairway and in front of adjacent properties. The cars are apparently part of his son's second hand car sales business. (Covenants make it clear that no business should be run from any property on the estate)

He then made a formal application, which was refused on the grounds of damage to the listed TPO Trees. Please consult with TPO Section/Woodland Advisory officer.

Earlier this year I was returning home along Jilley Royd Lane and found an operator and machinery preparing to put in a drop kerb at this point of the current application. I am aware of the conditions and criteria KMC apply to such action and challenged the contractor. He admitted he had not been instructed by the authority and did not proceed further. Mr Anwar appears to have allowed a period of time to elapse and is now making an application following the required guidelines.

However, this application is only a surreptitious way of facilitating vehicular access to this plot of land no doubt with the purpose of using the space either at the access or under the TPO trees for car parking/storage purposes in connection with the family car sales business and should be refused