

**Consultation Response from KC,
Ecology Unit**

2026/92432 adj to, 46, The Fairway, Fixby, Huddersfield, HD2 2HU

Formation of a vehicular access and relocation of existing gates

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Responding Officer: Z. Hanshaw

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No ecological information has been submitted with this application.

The Planning Statement (Unknown, n.d.) and Arboricultural Supporting Statement (Unknown, n.d.) states that no trees or vegetation will be removed as part of the proposals, however the plans to relocate the gate further into the woodland may result in works within the root protection area of these trees. I would also question the need for vehicle access to the woodland and also the effective use of this entrance. Is it expected that the cars will park in front of the gates proposed and reverse out into the road, or will the cars be expected to turn around in the woodland? There is potential that this would damage the soil and the tree roots. What woodland management is proposed that requires this access?

I am aware that the woodland is quite small, so is unlikely to support self-contained populations of protected species, but is within 200m of three separate woodland features, and therefore could still be utilised by protected or priority species. I would therefore recommend that further ecological information is provided to show the likelihood of the development impacting on protected or priority species, and on the trees and vegetation that make up the woodland.