

**Consultation Response from KC,
Trees**
2026/92432 adj to, 46, The Fairway, Fixby, Huddersfield, HD2 2HU
Formation of a vehicular access and relocation of existing gates
Date Responded: 5th October 2026
Responding Officer: AR
Responding Ref: 08/77
Arboricultural Objection - Refusal Recommended

The application site lies within **Woodland Tree Preservation Order 08/77/W1**, the purpose of which is to protect the woodland as a whole, including not only the existing mature trees but also the wider woodland environment, future succession growth, natural regeneration, and the long-term continuity of woodland cover. Protection extends beyond the individual stems and includes safeguarding the conditions necessary for the woodland to function and develop as a healthy, sustainable ecosystem.

In this instance, the proposal fails to demonstrate any clear arboricultural or woodland management benefit. The Tree Team cannot identify any design solution or construction methodology associated with this proposal that would provide a positive outcome for the protected woodland without resulting in either direct or indirect impacts upon the woodland resource.

The introduction of vehicle access into the woodland environment is likely to result in ongoing ground compaction, particularly over time through repeated use and maintenance activities. Soil compaction within woodland areas can adversely affect soil structure, reduce water and oxygen availability to roots, inhibit root growth, and diminish the conditions necessary for the successful establishment of natural regeneration. Furthermore, construction activities of any nature within the woodland are likely to encroach upon areas currently available for sapling establishment and succession growth, thereby undermining the woodland's long-term sustainability.

Whilst no tree removals are currently proposed, the potential for direct and indirect impacts upon trees protected by **Woodland TPO 08/77/W1** has not been adequately assessed. Given the woodland context, it is considered inevitable that construction operations, vehicular movements, storage of materials, and associated engineering works would place pressure upon root protection areas and woodland soils. The submitted information does not demonstrate that these impacts can be avoided.

Further note :

The application relies upon historic (out dated) arboricultural information prepared by **Bagshaw Ecology** in 2017. The supporting documentation acknowledges that these surveys should not be relied upon as a current BS5837 assessment and that tree constraints may have changed since the original survey.