

THE CITY OF DURHAM TRUST

c/o Blakett, Hart & Pratt, LLP
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Durham, DH1 1TH

28th June 2023

Dear Ms Woodruff,

**DM/23/01557/TPO East Durham And Houghall Community College Houghall Durham DH1 3SG
Various works to trees covered by a Tree Preservation Order, further information within the
provided tree survey.**

The Trust objects to the removal of tree nos. 56-62 inclusive. This is based on insufficient justification and lack of submitted information.

As noted previously in another objection for the Reeds, Houghall College Campus has an interesting range of trees also housing the national collection of Sorbus species. The submitted information lacks any information on species, spread, condition and adequate plan locations. It may well be the case that these trees are not part of the national collection but the application needs to identify this. There is no reason given other than to note that the removal is preparatory to further proposals for new modular units. This is pre-empting the decision on the future proposal. The removal of trees should be part of the development application with full justification and, if this is approved, the Tree Preservation Order (TPO) application for felling should follow.

The other proposed felling and tree work although lacking detail, is justified by survey,

As submitted the application lacks detail and has no appropriate justification such as condition or damage caused by trees. The Trust therefore objects to the felling of the trees.

Yours sincerely

John Lowe,
Chair, City of Durham Trust