

ENVIRONMENT TEAM – PLANNING CONSULTATIONS



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GROUP: TREES AND LANDSCAPE

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SUBJECT: Planning permission for proposed new site access entrance off Scotter Road; Scotter Road, Scunthorpe

PARISH: SCUNTHORPE

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SUMMARY OF ADVICE

- *Holding Objection* (when the advice is that more info is needed)

The proposed new entrance within this proposal goes straight into a piece of woodland protected by a TPO and together with the road they intend to also build this will cause the removal and loss of many protected trees.

The applicant needs to submit further information in a full arboricultural report to BS5837:2012 and also full method statements on how they will construct a suitable roadway through this protected woodland.

TREES AND LANDSCAPE GROUP FUNCTION:

The Group provides advice to all upon tree and landscape matters. Its remit ranges widely taking in strategic and practical policy development for trees and landscape to the day to day management of the council's highway trees and the making of tree preservation orders. Advice on trees and development is given in accordance with the council's adopted Supplementary Planning Guidance "Trees and Development".

DETAILED ADVICE:

This application for a new entrance in this location is situated within an area protected by a TPO, and as such this intended works together with the road they also wish to build will see the removal of lots of trees, without any consideration having been given to the presence of and impact on the trees within this woodland.

The applicant has not identified this woodland area as being protected nor have they submitted any information regarding the presence of trees, the effect that this application would have on them, some indication of the loss of trees, root protections areas around those remaining etc. such a report may give an indication as to the

best location for the entrance and roadway in order to give the least disturbance of this woodland.

The applicant will have to demonstrate that they have properly considered the TPO trees and any route through this woodland would have to include adequate consideration for root protection around these trees probably in the form of a no dig construction of road.

A full arboricultural report will be required to BS5837:2012 standard, together with information on the trees affected, retention values, required root protection around the trees, adequate mitigation for any loss of trees, (including replacement planting) and a full method statement of the intended construction methods of no-dig construction of the road they wish to put through this woodland.

Unless the applicant can demonstrate all these adequately then the council needs to consider the refusal of this application due to the removal of TPO trees.