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Dear Planning and Tree Officer,

I object to this application.

York has declared a Climate Emergency, passed a biodiversity motion noting the drastic decline of species in the UK, and is drawing up an Adaptation plan which notes that one of the major ways we can attempt to avert increased major flooding, both surface water and upstream, is via tree planting. Trees improve the Air Quality, provide urban shade and cooling, increase water uptake, assist biodiversity, and store carbon. It takes up to 20 years for a tree to maximise the carbon uptake. Unless the tree is causing significant harm, which can't be averted by other methods, no tree should be removed. If consent is given it should be conditional on planting replacement trees at a minimum ratio of 3:1 as recommended by the Woodland Trust, more where possible, whilst noting that it will take years for the equivalent carbon capture to occur.

Kind Regards
Jenny Kent

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