

Application to remove a tree at Marian Cottage, Lartington, County Durham, DL12 9BP

It is proposed to remove a single Leyland Cypress tree of c.50 years of age. This sits to the rear of Marian Cottage and within the Lartington Conservation Area.

The tree was planted as a shrub by a previous owner but has outgrown its location and now stands around 15m in height. Its location adjacent to the garden/boundary wall is causing the drystone wall to collapse and need rebuilding most years. It is also immediately adjacent to a high voltage electrical supply and close to the rear wall of Marian Cottage. Should the tree fall in high winds the likelihood of it causing significant damage to property and electric equipment is high.

The tree contributes little if nothing to the conservation area and neighbouring listed buildings, being neither of any substantial wildlife/ecological value, nor does it contribute to the character of the conservation area (this does include some 19th c specimen trees but these are Wellingtonia, Cedar of Lebanon and Douglas Fir). It is not a contemporary or appropriate planting relating to the setting of the nearby non designated heritage assts, nor the Grade II listed Lartington Station with its row of 19th Corsican Pines.

It is intended to replant the site with lower and more ecologically worthwhile species such as Holly or Yew.

Images below show the tree from various angles.

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