

# THE CITY OF DURHAM TRUST

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Dear Mr Richards,

**DM/25/01416/TCA Deardon Lodge The Avenue Durham DH1 4DX**

*3x Douglas firs - fell*

The Trust objects to the felling of these trees based on lack of evidence and the visual prominence of the trees.

These trees are part of the group that dominates the corner of The Avenue and Percy Terrace. They are an important component of the streetscene and the start of The Avenue, a tree lined street on its upper section. The trees are part of an attractive group relative to their immediate setting and important as part of the character of this section of the Conservation Area. They may be a minor group contextually but are small part of the cumulative massing of mature trees along the ridge top forming the green setting to the City's historic core and the WHS.

No plan showing the relationship of individual trees to each other or the house has been submitted. There is no expert assessment of tree condition or potential. This means there is no verification that the trees do pose a threat to the house or need felling due to their condition. The Trust considers that they do have a visual value as part of the group and felling should only take place based on poor condition, interference with better quality trees or creating an appreciable risk.

The Trust therefore objects to their felling based on the above points.

Yours sincerely

John Lowe,

Chair, City of Durham Trust