



## Scotland's Garden & Landscape Heritage

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Dear Ms Greaves,

### **Ladykirk House, Storm Damage**

Thank you for consulting Scotland's Garden and Landscape Heritage on the above Felling Permission Application which lies within the boundary of Ladykirk House designed landscape. Ladykirk House is included in the Inventory of Gardens and Designed Landscapes in Scotland compiled and maintained by Historic Environment Scotland and is therefore assessed as having National Significance. In the Inventory assessment the landscape is accorded **High Scenic** and **Nature Conservation Value**, the canopy of woodland and parkland trees enhancing the views along the Tweed Valley, and **Outstanding Value** for its Artistic Interest, Historical Record, Archaeology and Architecture. In addition, the section of the River Tweed forming the southern and eastern boundary of the designed landscape is a designated Site of Special Scientific Interest (SSSI) and Special Area of Conservation (SAC), which add further significance to this site.

The designed landscape at Ladykirk House was laid out in the late 18<sup>th</sup> century for the newly built mansion house and is detailed on the First Edition Ordnance Survey of 1857. We are not familiar with the site today, but study of aerial imagery and the Inventory description confirms that the layout has remained relatively intact to the present day. Although the mansion house was lost in the mid-20<sup>th</sup> century, the landscape remains the setting for a series of listed structures: The West Lodge, Category A; Stables and Riding School, Category B; and North Lodge, Gates and Gate Piers, Category C.

At the time of assessment for Inventory inclusion in 2011 it was recorded that the parkland contained individual specimen trees – oak, sycamore, horse and sweet chestnut and lime, some of which dated from the original 18<sup>th</sup> century planting work. Ongoing maintenance and gardening work, to maintain the designed landscape in an excellent condition, was also noted in the Inventory entry and we can see that some thought has gone into the selection of

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replacement species to repair the damage wrought by Storm Arwen. In general, we have no concerns with the proposed replanting work and are pleased to note the inclusion of the less commonly planted Hornbeam and Wester Red Cedar in the clumps and parkland, which will add further interest to the designed landscape.

We confirm we have no further comments to add.

Yours sincerely,

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