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To Whom It May Concern

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**Installation of 3no Air Source Heat Pumps and substation, within a proposed timber enclosure on proposed concrete slab. Associated trench runs to existing underground plant room with connection to existing heating/electrical plant in plant room and house
Temple Newsam House Templenewsam Road Halton Leeds LS15 0AE**

Thank you for consulting the Gardens Trust in its role as Statutory Consultee on the above application which may have a material impact on the significance of Temple Newsam, a Grade II registered park and garden (RPG) included by Historic England on the Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest. The inclusion of this site on this statutory register requires great weight to be given to its conservation. We have liaised with our colleagues in the Yorkshire Gardens Trust and their local knowledge informs this joint response.

We note that the listing summary describes the RPG as a "Parkland with late-C17 elements and an early-C18 approach with a bridge and ponds by William Etty, remodelled during the 1760s to a partially executed scheme by Lancelot 'Capability' Brown."

The proposals are for the installation of 3x air source heat pumps and a substation within a timber enclosure which will be erected in the existing car park. All associated trenching will run underground to existing plant.

We have reviewed the application documents and we would like to begin by commending the applicant for the excellent Planning, Heritage, Design and Access Statement (Hub Architecture, undated) which accompanies this application.

The document acknowledges on page 12 that the erection of the timber enclosure to contain the substation does result in the "lower end of less than substantial harm" and that the size and scale of the structure cannot be reduced further. We also noted the reasons why Location 1 is the preferred site for the substation and we agree that this is the optimum site.

Our only concern is that there needs to be a careful approach towards any potential archaeology when doing the trenching works.

Other than that, the Gardens Trust supports this application.

If you have any further queries, please contact us at this email address, and we would be grateful to be advised of the outcome of the application in due course

Yours faithfully

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