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To whom it may concern,

26/04467/FU Installation of storage container to existing stable surface to the rear of existing structure; installation of two nets to pitch boundaries: North Leeds Cricket Club Old Park Road Gledhow Leeds, LS8 1JX

Thank you for consulting the Gardens Trust (GT) in its role as Statutory Consultee on the above application which would have a material impact on the significance of Roundhay Park, an historic designed landscape of particular significance which is included by Historic England on the Register of Parks and Gardens (RPG) of Special Historic Interest at Grade II. The inclusion of this site on the statutory register requires great weight to be given to its conservation in accordance with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).

Roundhay Park estate covering more than 700 acres was purchased by Leeds City Council in the 1870's and remains a very significant historic green resource to the north-east of Leeds city centre. In addition to being an RPG and one of the largest public parks in England, it also lies within the designated conservation area. Roundhay Park is noted for its extensive picturesque composition with open grassland, woodland, water, historic structures and vistas and is a very important recreational area much appreciated by the community. This is underscored by the valuable work of The Friends of Roundhay Park.

North Leeds Cricket Club lies on the western side of Roundhay Park, bounded to the west by Old Park Avenue from which it is accessed. The application is for the siting of a storage container on stable ground to the rear of an existing gazebo structure, together with two lengths of 6m high netting to the north and east of the cricket pitch. We have liaised with our colleagues in Yorkshire Gardens Trust for their local knowledge and the following comments are made on behalf of both our organisations.

From the information provided we understand that a Design & Access Statement is not considered necessary for this application, nor is any Heritage Statement included in the application. This is unfortunate as it would have helped to assess the impact the proposed development would have on the RPG.

A study of aerial imagery indicates that the proposed container would be screened by established tree planting to the north, east and south by mature tree planting, and to the south-west by the gazebo structure, although we have been unable to verify this on the ground. Other than stating the container will be steel, there is no further detail about the external finish proposed. Similarly, there is no indication of the intended colour of the cricket nets and support posts. However, the GT and YGT consider that the proposals would result in less than substantial harm to the significance of Roundhay Park at the lower end of the scale.

We advise that, should Leeds City Council consider granting permission for this development, a dark muted green colour should be used for the container, posts and netting to reduce the visual impact.

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We also have concerns about the impact of the long-term use of storage containers in RPGs and would further advise that any permission granted should be on a temporary basis only, to allow the applicant time to consider an alternative, permanent storage structure more in keeping with and sympathetic to the surrounding Grade II registered parkland.

We confirm that we have no further comments to add at this stage.

Yours sincerely,

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