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Dear Helen Goulden

25/01411/EIAMAJ|S73 application to vary Condition 4 (approved plans) to allow for building heights of up to 18m in Development Zone 4 and to vary Conditions 17 (Design Code) and 28 (Design Code) of hybrid planning permission HGT21/01238/EIAMAJ for a new employment park

Thank you for re-consulting The Gardens Trust (GT) in its role as Statutory Consultee for the above variation in condition relating to Zone 4 of the Allerton Business Park. We are responding in relation to the application's impact on Allerton Park, a site included by Historic England (HE) on their Register of Parks & Gardens at grade II. The Yorkshire Gardens Trust (YGT) is a member organisation of the GT and works in partnership with it in respect of the protection and conservation of registered sites and is authorised by the GT to respond on GT's behalf in respect of such consultations.

This response should be considered alongside our previous responses to applications for this site.

We have repeatedly advised that the development of this site, and the manner in which its development is managed, produces harmful impacts on historic views to and from Allerton Park. The present application seeks to raise the height of the unit at the east of the site, thereby further narrowing the corridor through which the Temple of Victory can be viewed from the south and diminishing the value and legibility of its historic setting. From the north, views out of Allerton Park are not impacted in the same way by this application, since the major harm to the setting of the historic landscape has already taken place.

The applicant's justification for the proposed increase in the height of this unit is that it is in the business interests of a prospective tenant; but there is no indication of the nature of the prospective tenant's need, nor whether the tenant might remain in the unit for the long term. This seems a weak justification for a further diminution of Allerton Park's historical significance and setting, and question whether the application meets the criteria set out in NPPF paras 213 and 215.

Yours sincerely

Chris Webb Chair

cc. Historic England, Conservation@ the Gardens Trust