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Dear Sir/Madam

ZC24/03034/LB | Listed building consent for internal alterations including lift, with external steps and wheelchair lift, The Stables, Allerton Park, Allerton Mauleverer, Knaresborough North Yorkshire HG5 0SE

Thank you for consulting The Gardens Trust (GT) in its role as Statutory Consultee with regard to proposed development affecting Allerton Park, a site included by Historic England (HE) on their Register of Parks & Gardens, as per the above application, at grade II. (List Entry Number 1000402). 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.

The Stable Block is late 18th century and listed grade II (entry no: 1189456). It was converted to domestic accommodation prior to the listing in August 1983 and stands c.100m east of Allerton Castle. It encloses a square courtyard entered from the south drive via the south range.

The proposals include internal alterations to the north-east range, but this response relates solely to any impact of the application on the Registered Park and Garden (RPG) of Allerton Park.

We understand the requirement for wheelchair access. We understand that it is proposed to convert an existing window opening to a door with new steps and wheelchair lift to the north-east elevation and a parking area for access to be formed from the grass verge. There is no landscaping scheme as part of the application but the Design and Access Statement (p2) notes that the applicant would be prepared to accept an appropriately worded condition if deemed necessary for consent. Overall, we trust that the external works will be of a suitably sympathetic quality for this listed building in a RPG.

The Gardens Trust and Yorkshire Gardens Trust consider that the application would not harm the RPG, and we have no objection, but as we have not made a site visit, we recommend that advice is sought from your Authority's Conservation Officer.

Yours sincerely

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