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Dear Ms Nunns

**22/00587/LBC Listed Building Consent to Dismantle Existing Stone Gate Pier, Construct New Stone Walls to Include Formation of Bin Store Recess, Piers and Wrought Iron Gates at Aske Hall, Aske, Richmond, North Yorkshire, DL10 5HJ**

Thank you for consulting The Gardens Trust (GT) in its role as Statutory Consultee with regard to any proposed development that could affect a site included by Historic England (HE) on their Register of Parks & Gardens – Aske Hall 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.

The Registered Park and Garden extends to c. 165ha with the present footprint essentially established by the Wharton Family who owned Aske between 1611 and 1727. It was subsequently embellished by Sir Conyers D'Arcy between 1727 and 1758 followed by Sir Lawrence Dundas and his successors from 1763. Sir Lawrence approached Lancelot 'Capability' Brown to plan the grounds in 1769 although it seems that his proposals were not implemented at the time. In the 19<sup>th</sup> century William Andrews Nesfield (1793-1881) may also have been involved – the large cedars and ornamental conifers in the pleasure grounds near the Hall may have been planted at his suggestion.

Aske Hall is listed grade I with its Chapel Range extending north-eastwards listed grade II\* and which originated as a stable block of 1763 designed by John Carr of York. It was converted to a chapel and estate office in 1887 when a new stable block was built. This proposal is for the approach to the east side of the Chapel Range and the family entrance to the Hall and overlooks the pleasure grounds immediately to the north of the Hall. In addition to the new pair of stone entrance piers and wrought iron gates there will be a small bin recess which should help to reduce their harmful impact on the setting of the heritage assets.

This is a well-documented application proposing high quality materials in sympathy with the existing structures. We note that the drive is to be re-aligned and trust that care will be taken to protect the root zone of any of the adjacent trees in the pleasure grounds that may be affected.

The Gardens Trust and Yorkshire Gardens Trust have no objection to this planning application which should have minimal impact on the historic park and garden.

Yours sincerely

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