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Dear Ms Brayford

Ref: 2023/1124 Variation of condition 2 of planning application 2021/1343 (Rebuilding of leaning garden wall. Repairs to loose and unstable stonework of plunge pool (Listed Building Consent)) to allow changes to plunge pool repairs.) Cannon Hall Museum, Bark House Lane, Cawthorne, Barnsley, S75 4AT

Thank you for consulting The Gardens Trust (GT) in its role as Statutory Consultee with regard to any proposed development affecting a site included by Historic England (HE) on their Register of Parks & Gardens, in this case Cannon 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.

We responded to the earlier application, (2021/1343) on 10th December 2021 and had no objection but advised that the work may be an opportunity to look at the area and possibly do some further excavation to find out if there was ever a building associated with the plunge pool.

The Decision Notice notes Condition 2 as:

'The development hereby approved shall be carried out strictly in accordance with the amended plans (Nos. Location Plan 0292-PL1-ZZ-ZZ-DR-L-90-999 PO1; Historic Building Record and Watching Brief TJC2020.143 March 2020 Draft V0.1; Orchard Wall rebuild details SK01; Orchard Wall rebuild extents SK02; Plunge Pool Plans SK03; Amended 19365 - Y - Cannon Hall Design, Access and Heritage Statement) and specifications as approved unless required by any other conditions in this permission. Reason: In the interests of the visual amenities of the locality in accordance with Local Plan Policy D1 High Quality Design and Place Making.'

Thank you for consulting us on varying the Listed Building Consent regarding the plunge pool repairs. These are due to 'unforeseen circumstances and to ensure repair is robust for the future. Pipe to remove water now to run along front of repaired bank. Pipe to be disguised.' (Application Form Section 5)

We regret that there are no plans to make this area watertight once more. We note that the pipe is proposed to be plastic laid over the existing base and concealed within a layer of vegetation/loose masonry/shingle. We regret this offered solution as we think that it is inappropriate to the heritage

asset and the pool's original purpose. The plunge pool gets filled with leaves and such a pipe is likely to be vulnerable to damage by youngsters jumping into the pool. We would regard this proposal as at most a temporary solution.

Ideally reinstatement should be as the original spring fed pool in an historic chain of ponds dating from at least the first half of the 18th Century. (Please see also Cannon Hall 2001 by Furse J, An Historic Survey with Heritage Landscape Proposals for the S.W.Fraser 1992 Settlement Trust Figs 5a and 6a between pp. 4&5 demonstrating that the plunge pool precedes Richard Wood's commission for the design of a new Park and Walled Garden in 1760.)

Yours sincerely

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