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Dear Mr Varley

23/00130/PAAP Installation of Roof Mounted Solar Panels (Application for Prior Approval), The Pavilion East Park Holderness Road Kingston Upon Hull HU8 8JU

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 – East Park, Registered 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.

East Park lies 6km east of Hull City Centre covering an area of 36ha. It was laid out by the Kingston upon Hull Borough Engineer, Joseph Fox Sharp, in the late 19th century and has 20th century additions. The site is largely flat, except for the 1880's rockwork (known as the Khyber Pass), terracing and mounds to the west of the site. The parkland includes mature tree lined paths, ornamental gardens, sports fields, bowling greens, valley garden to the south of the Khyber Pass, model yacht pond, small zoo, boating lake with grade II listed Water Chute and Children's playground.

The modern pavilion is near the centre of the western part of the park and has a mono-pitch roof slope facing the south-east. The proposed installation covering the whole of the roof area, will be blue/black in colour and mounted with an aluminium bracket system flat/ parallel to the existing roof with maximum 200mm clearance distance between the roof surface and the solar panels. The panels, their arrangement and mounting have been selected to minimise impact as far as possible.

The Heritage Statement does acknowledge that there will be views of the solar panels from the central access when approaching the pavilion from the south, but no mention is made of views from the modern bandstand which lies to the east. Views from the north of the pavilion will be limited / nonvisible due to the mono-pitch nature of the roof that faces south-east.

Overall, we consider that although the solar panels will have some impact and there may be

glint/glare in some views, the proposal will result in less than substantial harm to the registered park and garden. This will be outweighed by the public benefit.

Yours sincerely

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