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Dear Ms Delport

22/02024/LBC 22/01951/FUL Installation of Photo Voltaic ground mounted system, Firby Hall Firby Bedale North Yorkshire

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

Firby Hall is a large country house located approximately 1km south of Bedale. It dates from the late 18th century, with later additions in the 19th century. It was constructed in the late 18th century by Colonel Thomas Coores upon his return from the American War of Independence. He demolished the vast majority of the village of Firby to replace it with the country house that stands today and its surrounding 50 acre park.

Firby lies to the north of Thorp Perrow, registered at grade II. The Solar panel array will be set out at the top (north) end of the horse arena, on the ground, and will comprise some 380 sqms of panels over 4 rows (measuring 20m+ each in length). The proposed location of a former horse arena is surrounded by trees. According to the heritage statement the western side is blocked by the walled garden wall. To the north and eastern sides are woodland and to the south which is closest to the house lies a 8 m high laurel hedge.

There will not be any harm to the setting of the registered park and garden, nor for Firby Hall and we do not have any comments.

Yours sincerely,

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