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Dear Mr Smith

**22/00406/FULL Full Planning Permission for Extension of Existing Dwelling within Walled Garden and Reinstatement of Original Openings in Existing Structure at Gardeners Cottage, Forcett Hall Road, Forcett, Richmond, North Yorkshire, DL11 7SB**

**And 22/00407/LBC**

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. In this case Forcett Hall/Park that is 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.

The Shuttleworth family owned Forcett from the 1590's, and in the c.1740 Daniel Garrett substantially remodelled the earlier house for Richard Shuttleworth. (Hall Listed Grade I). The gardens and park are of a similar date possibly designed by the 'Durham Wizard', Thomas Wright. The kitchen gardens (walls, gates and Garden House Listed Grade II) lie c. 150m north-east of the Hall and consist of two walled enclosures with the western enclosure the subject of this planning application. Attached to the south-facing wall is a pavilion called the Garden House or Gardeners Cottage which was probably originally designed as a functional yet ornamental orangery and a focal point for this walled garden. As is usual in kitchen gardens the north side of the south-facing wall has a range of bothies and storage buildings.

Although in principle we support the repair and restoration of the Garden House/Gardeners Cottage and bothies etc, for use as domestic accommodation, we are unable to do so from the documents lodged with this planning application.

We seem to have only been notified of the Full Planning Application, but found the Listed Building Application, **22/00407/LBC** and were pleased to read there the detailed Heritage Impact Assessment. However much of the remaining documents are difficult to assess, the drawings are small and there is little or no notation to help with our understanding of exactly what is proposed. Overall, there is insufficient detail of the proposed changes and in our view the documents are inadequate for such important heritage assets.

We advise that your authority's conservation officer and the County Archaeologist should be consulted.

With their present form of documentation, we object to these applications.

In principle we support the restoration of this building. There is, however, insufficient detail of the proposed changes. It is not clear which new windows are to be of wood and which of Al. The Conservation officer and the County Archaeologist need to be involved.

Old fruit trees.

Yours sincerely,

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