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Dear Sir/Madam

**22/06783/LI 22/06130/FU Change of use and alterations to Clock Tower to form one Residential unit, Clock Tower High Royds Fold Menston.**

Thank you for consulting The Gardens Trust. The Gardens Trust (GT) is the statutory consultee regarding proposed development affecting a site on the Historic England (HE) Register of Parks and Gardens – High Royds Hospital, at Grade II (HE ref 1001469). High Royds is also a Grade II Listed Building, (HE ref 1240191). 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.

High Royds Hospital was built as a mental hospital by West Riding County Council, and it was opened in 1888. It had been designed by the County Surveyor, Vickers Edwards. Edwards adopted an "echelon" layout for the wards – only the second such building in England. Constructed around the centre of its 100ha site the Hospital enjoyed a generous boundary of fields and trees.

The hospital closed in 2003 and it has been progressively converted to residential use since 2007 to the present day. The site now consists of a carefully managed mix of original hospital buildings, now converted to residential use, and groups of new dwellings. This application concerns internal alterations to refurbish the Clock Tower of the former hospital creating a new dwelling. The Clock Tower is a prominent feature on the south front of the main hospital building fronting High Royds Drive.

We understand that there will be limited or no changes to the external building envelope. However, as the Clock Tower is such a key feature of High Royds, we suggest that should any changes be proposed for the external elevations, that your authority's conservation officer is consulted for further advice.

We have no further comments. However, we emphasise that this does not in any way signify either our approval or disapproval of the proposals.

Yours sincerely,

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