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Dear Planning Officer,

**LAND AT INGLE LANE OFF HIGH ROYDS DRIVE, GUISELEY, LEEDS, WEST YORKSHIRE
Application No. 25/01024/FU. [NEW BUS LINK AND FOOTPATHS (AMENDMENT TO
PREVIOUS APPLICATION GRANTED UNDER REF 28/193/08/FU)].**

Thank you for consulting The Gardens Trust (GT) in its role as Statutory Consultee with regard to any proposed development that could affect a site included by Historic England (HE) on their Register of Parks & Gardens – High Royds 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 note that High Royds Hospital was built as a mental hospital by West Riding County Council, and it was opened in 1888. Constructed around the centre of its 100ha site the Hospital enjoyed a generous boundary of fields and trees which played an important role in the treatment and support of the patients. 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 a relatively minor adjustment to one of the vehicular routes within the site.

We appreciate the quality of the Design and Access Statement which accompanies this application.

The proposed work consists of amendments to Ingles Lane, a minor roadway which has already been constructed under the original planning approval for the conversion of the Hospital to residential use. The proposed construction of a pedestrian footway along part of the north side of Ingles Lane is a sensitive and appropriate amendment responding to the growth/maturation of adjacent planting along the south side, and it aligns with an existing footway. The Marshall's Tegular paving proposed to finish both the footpath and as a resurface to the road "gauntlet" is appropriate for the setting. The 2m wide offset along the edge of the road would appear to involve in places lopping back existing Laurels, etc. – but the planted area in question is wide and reasonably dense, so that its role as a visibility screen should not be impaired.

We note that at the southern end of the proposed work, the new footpath will require the relocation of one tree. The tree in question appears to be young, barely more than heavy standard, and will no doubt survive competent relocation as proposed.

The Gardens Trust and Yorkshire Gardens Trust have no objection to this application.

Yours sincerely,

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