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Dear Sir/Madam

22/04938/FU Installation of electric gates, 5-8 Norwood Fold Menston Ilkley

Thank you for consulting The Gardens Trust. The Gardens Trust (GT) is the statutory consultee regarding proposed development affecting a site on the Register – High Royds Hospital, Grade II Listed Building, HE ref 1240191; and set within the grounds of High Royds Hospital, Grade II Registered Park and Garden, HE ref 1001469. 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 a location within a cul-de-sac of new detached dwellings. Whilst the proposed gates and associated fencing/railings do not directly impact on either the original buildings, nor the parkland setting, they do play a part in the overall well-controlled architectural arrangement of the site.

The proposed installation appears to be practical in principle, but we are concerned at the lack of resolved final design. We are concerned that the submitted documents note that only the location is indicated, and not the final design. As "sketched", the design appears to propose unnecessarily high gates (should be no higher than adjacent masonry piers), unnecessarily fiddly gate profile and unresolved abutment to existing adjacent railings. Because of these unresolved details we object to this application.

Yours sincerely,
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