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Dear Sir/Madam

25/02876/TPO Felling of Group of Alder Trees (GP1) and group of Elm Trees (GP2) as they are dead, Mother Shipton's Cave, The Long Walk, Knaresborough North Yorkshire GR: SE 34749 56544

Thank you for consulting The Gardens Trust. The Gardens Trust (GT) is the statutory consultee regarding proposed development affecting a site on the Register (RPG) – The Long Walk, Knaresborough, registered 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.

Both groups of trees lie on the western side of the River Nidd and are part of the RPG. The GP1 group of Alder trees are on the riverbank opposite the Marigold Cafe whilst GP2 group of Elm trees are further south near the weir.

As this is a public area the YGT understands the need to fell. There is a case for glimpses of the river from the Walk but overall this riverbank should be populated with trees. The Walk was described by Dr Adam Hunter in 1807 as a 'beautiful and romantic walk' and it has remained popular and valued. We offer the following advice/comments:

The GP1 dead Alder trees could be replaced with standards but allowing for some natural regeneration if your Authority's tree officer thinks that is a viable proposition in that area. The GP2 dead Elm trees similarly.

The Yorkshire Gardens Trust has no objection to the felling but trust that our advice is helpful.

Yours sincerely,

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