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Dear Ms Thomas and Mr Outhwaite

Newburgh House Farm, Newburgh Priory

012/817/2022 – Silvicultural thinning of the crop to favour the better stems.

012/865/2022 – Capture a timber volume shortage from the management plan application. The area of felling and footprint of the cpt remain the same. The Timber volume in the management plan licence was identified as incorrect and so they had to apply for a new licence.

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 Newburgh Priory, which is 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.

This consultation follows 012/3494/2021 - Newburgh House Farm, to which we responded on 2nd November 2021.

012/817/2022 – Silvicultural thinning of the crop to favour the better stems. This is for compartments, 13j, 13l, 13m, part of the Roman Plantation (Mount Woods) within the registered boundary and involves thinning of downy birch, pedunculate oak in 13j; European larch and Scots pine in 13l; hybrid larch in 13m. We have no objection to this proposal.

012/865/2022 – timber volume shortage from the management plan application.

17b, Clear fell. Ash dieback. Restock with Q robur and Q petraea, Prunus avium. Note mixed broadleaves.

Compartment 17b is part of Crow Wood which is in the sightline from Newburgh Priory – it is part of the pleasure grounds to the east of the Hall, with the two historic vistas cut through. Compartment 17b is located in the angle between the two vistas and is potentially more sensitive.

Our thanks to Chris Curry of Forestry Agents Hewetson and Johnson for responding to our queries so promptly:

We understand that the replanting will be predominately Q. robur, which grows very well at Newburgh. (The condition for robur/petrea is a quirk of the Felling Licence Online multiple-choice dropdown options.) The P. avium will be interspersed evenly in the oak and being a faster growing tree will draw the oak up into better formed stems during the establishment period, and probably be thinned out in a few years' time.

There are no plans to plant beech, in this compartment. Cpt 17a is mostly beech, and while it has grown well and beech is likely to become more suited to the area as climate change progresses over the projected lifespan of the trees, there is very little understorey, and it is not as biodiverse as an oak stand promises to be. Cpt 17d is predominantly softwoods, and there is an intention to fell this and replant with broadleaves in a decade or two's time when 17a is well established.

We also understand that there is a gradual transition of woodland edge into parkland out onto the lawns of Newburgh Priory, which will be maintained and possibly thinned slightly where there are ash trees which warrant removal. The estate will ensure there is a level of screening and there won't be a wide-open sightline from the hall straight into the clearfell site. The front lawn will be used as a wedding reception venue every weekend and for the rest of the season.

The Gardens Trust and Yorkshire Gardens Trust are pleased to have been consulted. Thank you for answering our queries. We have no objection to the proposals.

Yours sincerely

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