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Dear Ms Benfold

ZC24/00442/LB | Listed Building Consent for the installation of a subterranean sewage treatment plant in an adjoining field south of the Norton Conyers house. | Norton Conyers Hall Norton Conyers Ripon North Yorkshire HG4 5EQ

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. 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.

The park, pleasure grounds and garden at Norton Conyers are registered Grade II with Norton Conyers Hall listed Grade II*. This application relates to an area in the South Lawn adjacent to the ha-ha immediately south-east of the house. The ha-ha is listed Grade II (List Entry No 1315523) and it enables livestock to graze the South Lawn park whilst providing unbroken views from Norton Conyers Hall and the terrace across the designed landscape. The site of the proposal was the northern edge of a medieval village, cleared in the mid-late 18th century when the remodelling of Norton Conyers Hall took place.

The new packaged sewage treatment plant will be installed where there is an existing manhole close to the ha-ha and largely utilising existing drains. On completion there will be two manhole lids in the park/field and a small control box located adjacent to the ha-ha. The work will entail a large excavation in the park/field and access for materials. Due to possible archaeology an archaeologist will maintain a watching brief and no doubt the land will be carefully reinstated.

We understand that the control box will be set lower than the ha-ha and so should not impinge on the designed view from the house and terrace. We recommend that, if possible, the control box should be positioned so as not to be visible in the reciprocal views to the house from the South Lawn too, despite there not being any current public access.

The Gardens Trust and Yorkshire Gardens Trust do not consider that the proposal will harm the heritage assets and have no objection.

Yours sincerely,

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