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Dear Ms Benfold

6.14.12.G.FUL 22/00754/FUL 22/00755/LB Construction of new toilet facilities, alterations to improve visitor circulation through the south end of the east range and into the main house, and public display of the clock. Norton Conyers Hall, Old Stables With Clock Tower 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 is registered grade II. This application relates to the late 17th century grade II listed east range, on the north-east side of the Hall (listed grade II*). This is a single-storey range of former stables and an adjoining wall. The clock tower rises from the gabled south end of the range and is shown in a painting by Nicholas Dall of 1774 when the attached buildings were two-storeys in height. The Clock Tower with its cupola makes a statement in views of the house both close by and more distant. There is an early 20th century lean-to Summer House against the south elevation.

The proposals seek to provide enhanced visitor, community and wedding facilities including toilets and in so doing help provide a significant source of income to sustain the future viability of Norton Conyers, increase public access and preserve historic fabric.

This is a detailed and carefully considered planning application. The repaired Clock Tower will be accessible to the public and the small lean-to extension on the east elevation of the Clock Tower to provide toilets, will be carefully designed. Harm to the significance of the heritage assets, including the registered park and garden, should not be incurred by this proposal.

We have no objection to this planning application and support the endeavours to generate revenue for the future of Norton Conyers.

Yours sincerely,

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