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Dear Ms Edson

23/02226/FUL Minor changes to existing plant at the factory, to include updating stacks, vents, dryers, clay feed shed and new silos. Ibstock Brick, Swine Lane, Nostell, Wakefield, WF4 1QH

Thank you for your e-mail of 15th February notifying the Yorkshire Gardens Trust (YGT) and The Gardens Trust (GT) that some further information had been submitted for the above planning application.

We welcome the additional assessments that have been taken by the applicant and refer you to our letter of 19th January where we explained our various concerns about the potential impact on the park, garden and designed landscape at Nostell Priory, which is registered Grade II*.

We are pleased to see a **Heritage Impact Assessment** and note at 6.2.1: 'The four new chimney stacks are to be 26.1m in height and approximately 10m above the existing roofline. This will be visible from two areas on the park boundary, and the rose garden immediately south of the stables (assessed in section 7.2). The areas of visibility from the park boundary are both along the A638, namely the public car park entrance and the point where the park boundary crosses the A638 south of the Walled Garden.' And at 6.2.2 'result in no harm to the significance of the asset'.

However, we would like to add, that care should be taken in the materials chosen for the chimneys so that there is no glint or glare as the latter could have an impact on significance.

Air Quality: We welcome the assessment which now includes the principal properties at Nostell Priory. We are not experts on air quality but trust that no Environmental Quality Standards will be exceeded and that your Authority's expertise in this matter can determine whether the concentration of pollutants will be within acceptable levels.

Landscape and Visual: We welcome the additional Landscape and Visual Appraisal (LVA). The intervening woodland (deciduous) between the application site and the Registered Park and Garden helps to screen most of the view from the Rose Garden and the site entrance. The proposed four new chimneys, which will be nearer to Nostell will result in some visual change, but this should be slight (site entrance) and negligible (Rose Garden) and we accept that this will be the case.

Noise: We understand that the noise impacts of the proposed development on the receptor locations is expected to be low in the context of other noise impacts such as road traffic noise so we trust that this will not be a problem.

Subject to suitable materials for the chimneys, the further information from the applicant has enabled us to revise our position, and the Gardens Trust and Yorkshire Gardens Trust have no objection to the proposal.

Yours sincerely,

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