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Dear Mr Shallcross

Consultation on Felling Licence for Park House (Part of Gilling Castle RPG) FLA 012/2139/2024 SE 599 768

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 Gilling Castle, 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.

Gilling Castle Registered Park and Garden (RPG) is c420ha in extent with the park having medieval origins. Park House is situated along part of the northern boundary of the RPG to the west of Gilling Castle itself (Listed Grade I) and overlooks a mainly coniferous plantation called 'North Side' which is north of the North Walk. The area is in the Howardian Hills AONB.

We understand that this felling licence application is for a clear fell in a small private compartment (Compartment 1, 1.31ha) of mainly conifer – large Douglas Fir planted in about 1952 - sandwiched between Forestry England compartments of Douglas Fir, east and west of this compartment with similar age trees.

The block is now under new ownership and the intention is to fell the oversize Douglas Fir and the diseased Ash. The Oaks on the western boundary and the Beech on the eastern side are to be retained if possible. The compartment has strong undergrowth of Rhododendron which is to be cleared. Compartment is PAWs (Plantation on Ancient Woodland Site) and it is proposed to restock with 80% native MB (Mixed Broadleaves): Oak (robur/petraea), Beech, Rowan, MB plus 20% Scots Pine.

Looking at the OS 25":1mile map Yorkshire CV.10 surveyed 1889 and published 1891 the compartment was then notated as being deciduous woodland blending into mixed deciduous and coniferous woodland further to the east. The later OS 25":1mile map surveyed 1909 and published 1911 indicates the compartment as deciduous woodland interplanted with conifers.

We consider that the proposed felling and replanting should be beneficial to the registered landscape and the Gardens Trust and Yorkshire Gardens Trust have no objection.

Yours sincerely

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