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Dear Mr Bainbridge

ZC25/00358/FUL Single storey extension to form additional changing room facilities | Rudding Park Hotel Follifoot Harrogate North Yorkshire HG3 1JH

Thank you for consulting The Gardens Trust (GT) in its role as Statutory Consultee with regard to any proposed development that could affect a site included by Historic England (HE) on their Register of Parks & Gardens – Rudding Park at 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.

Rudding Park is notable for its links with Humphry Repton who drew up a Red Book in 1790 for its then owner Lord Loughborough, and then later the work on the gardens by James Russell in the mid-20th Century. Rudding Park was originally part of the forest of Knaresborough and we understand that there were ancient oaks retained within the parkland. Rudding Park is within the Green Belt.

The application site is c. 0.016ha located to the far end of the north-east elevation of the Spa and has direct links to the existing spa facilities. The site abuts the existing main service yard to the hotel and spa that is enclosed in a 'Yorkshire' boarded timber fence. It is at some distance north of the historic mansion (listed grade I).

Currently the application site comprises ornamental shrubs, a laurel hedge and areas of hard standing. An area of the ornamental shrubs will be lost to the development and c.15m of the laurel hedge. The remaining area of ornamental shrubs will be retained as will c. 3m of the laurel hedge. If there is any loss of or temporary impacts to the shrubs these habitats will be restored within two years of the initial impact. It is proposed to plant an ornamental tree in the north of the site adjacent to the existing trees and a new c.19m ornamental hedge that will wrap around the new building and along the existing paving.

Surrounded as it is by the existing buildings of the hotel development and some ornamental planting, the application site is unlikely to have any impact on the registered historic park and garden.

The Gardens Trust and Yorkshire Gardens Trust have no objection to this application.

Yours sincerely,

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