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Dear Sir/Madam

**26/00225/FUL Demolition of conservatory and replacement with a door. Replacement of two ground floor windows with a new opening, additional fenestration including three rooflights and replacement of existing fenestration. April Cottage, 4 Rudding Dower, Follifoot, North Yorkshire HG3 1LL**

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-20<sup>th</sup> 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.

April Cottage, 4 Rudding Dower, lies within the registered boundary of Rudding Park at the northern tip of the park. The property lies in the northern section of a cluster of dwellings that includes on the southern section, the late 17<sup>th</sup> century Dower House (Listed Grade II), which faces onto the park.

We have studied the documents and consider that the proposals should have little or no impact on the Registered Park and Garden (RPG). As far as the RPG is concerned the Gardens Trust and Yorkshire Gardens Trust have no objection but emphasise that this does not in any way signify either our approval or disapproval of the proposals.

Yours sincerely,

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