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Dear Ms Rose

22/00237/FUL Removal of the existing facades to the front elevation porte-cochere and replace with new iron railings/gates, Bankfield Museum Boothtown Road Halifax Calderdale HX3 6HG

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

Bankfield Museum is a grade II listed building in Akroyd Park, some distance east of Shrogg's Park across the valley. Akroyd Park is not on the register but it is in Akroyden Conservation Area. The Museum is a significant heritage asset for Calderdale and was built/alterd in the style of a grand Italianate villa by Edward Akroyd who was owner of one of the largest worsted manufacturing businesses in the 19th century and a significant benefactor including working with Halifax Permanent Building Society to promote home ownership through his model village Akroyden. Akroyd Park, the grounds around the Museum, are rather neglected.

The removal of the existing infill to the porte-cochere will be beneficial. The use of appropriately coloured ironwork to the facades and the repair of the external door and framework will similarly enhance the property. We assume that putting in the gates and associated ironwork will be a security benefit, but we have not noted any comment in the Heritage Design and Access Statement.

We have no further comments except to encourage your Council to improve/restore Akroyd Park to become a fitting setting for Bankfield Museum. The YGT runs a Small Grant Scheme which may be helpful for work at Calderdale's parks. Information is on our website.

Yours sincerely,

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