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Dear Ms Smith

Project or Case Name: Bingley St Ives Golf Club

Proposal Type: Felling Licence

Case ref: 012/2746/2023

National Grid Reference: SE 088 394

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Thank you for consulting The Gardens Trust. The Gardens Trust (GT) is the statutory consultee regarding proposed development affecting a site on the Register – St. Ives Estate, HE ref: 1001707, 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.

The designed landscape of St Ives Estate, previously called Harden Grange, was developed by the Ferrand family from the beginning of C19, including the replacement of the C17 mansion. In 1824 Adam Mickle, whose family had worked with Lancelot (Capability) Brown, stayed as a guest of the family and advised on the further development of the landscape. In the mid C19 Walker Ferrand undertook extensive revisions and extensions to the design, creating the outstanding example of a romantic and wild setting which largely survives today. The estate contains more than a dozen individually listed buildings and features and it provides the setting for an important listed mansion.

This application is to fell 3.42 ha of woodland across 12 golf club holes at St Ives Estate. It is proposed to thin the tree stock across a number of holes on the course with two areas around the 12th and 13th to be felled to create open space. In total 258 trees have been identified. Other suitable areas have been identified on the course of the 1st, 5th and 17th for compensatory planting. This compensatory planting area, of 456 trees is greater than that which is cleared at the 12th and 13th hole due to 5:1 and 7:1 replanting ratios. Timber is to be chipped and retained on site, logs sold, and suitable timber sold to local mills. Bird, bat and badger surveys have been undertaken and no work will be done where these have been identified. After discussion with Bradford Council Horse Chestnut is not to be replanted as it is thought not to be an ideal species due to its non-nativeness and susceptibility to disease.

We note that the tree cover on the estate largely follows the tree cover as shown on the 1891 OS 25" map. We understand the need for the estate trees to be managed to accommodate the activities of the golf course. Introduction of an increased number of plants (overall replacement ratio appears to

be 1 to 1.76) suggests that even with further marginal failure of trees the overall strength of the woodland will benefit.

We are pleased to note the proposed removal of Leyland Cypress at the 1st hole.

We note that the park as developed by the Ferrands, sought to convey a sense of romanticism and wildness, and to that end we support the appropriate choice of the range of trees species identified for restocking.

The current application is for felling approval for trees in twelve identified compartments on the St Ives site (numbers 1, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 12, 13, 14, 15 and 17). It is supported by maps (Operations Map and Restocking Map) which appears to only identify seven of the identified compartments (numbers 1, 4, 5, 8, 9, 13 and 17). The Felling and Restocking Schedule gives details of all the holes eg 15th hole, left hand side and right hand side, but as far as we can see there is no location for this hole on the maps provided, similarly for holes 6, 7, 12 and 14. Therefore, we regret that we cannot offer comments on this application as a whole.

Yours sincerely,

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