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Dear Sir/Madam

23/00460/FUL, Golf Driving Bays : Installation of 3-bay, covered teaching/practice facility on the existing practice ground adjacent the first fairway, St Ives Estate Golf Club, Keighley Road, Harden, Bingley, West Yorkshire, BD16 1AT.

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

The St Ives Estate Golf Club house is now established as part of the cluster of varied accommodation/buildings immediately to the north of the Mansion, with the golf course itself stretching further away to the north and east. The application makes a good case for the need for the proposed new facility, and a good case for its general location. However, it is regrettable that other C20 developments already impede the relationship of the mansion with its landscape, and the proposed location for this development will further narrow down a remaining vista to the north-east. We are pleased to note from the Heritage, Design and Access Statement that in 2020 the Golf Club planted tree and hedgerow plants including a boundary hedge near the proposed site and would be amenable to further planting. We would request that substantial planting should be introduced, and

perhaps minor adjustment of the proposed location to enable effective evergreen planting to be incorporated, thus ensuring that the new building cannot be seen from the Mansion.

Yours sincerely,

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