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Dear Mr Puckering

22/01264/LBC Listed Building Consent for the construction of a garden room to the rear elevation of the dwelling Snape Castle Barn Snape Bedale North Yorkshire

Thank you for consulting The Gardens Trust (GT) in its role as Statutory Consultee with regard to any proposed development affecting a site listed by Historic England (HE) on their Register of Parks and Gardens. In this case Thorp Perrow which is 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.

Thorp Perrow has pleasure grounds and lakes laid out c.1800 by Adam Mickle II of the Mickle dynasty of landscapers and who's father worked with Lancelot 'Capability' Brown. The park nearest Snape Castle Barn has 17th C origins enlarged in the first half of the 19th C. Thorp Perrow is now probably best known for its arboretum created by Sir Leonard Ropner (1895-1977).

Snape Castle Barn is located to the east of Snape Castle owned by Lord Latimer of Snape in the 15th C and the home of Catherine Parr whilst she was married to the third Lord Latimer. The Milbanks acquired Snape Castle and adjacent lands in the early 19th C when the area was incorporated into the park. Snape Castle and the adjacent buildings including Snape Castle Barn are situated within the registered park and garden at the southern boundary, and within the Snape Conservation Area.

Snape Castle is visible from the arboretum but due to the north-south sloping terrain the lower Snape Castle Barn may not be visible from the arboretum but will be from the registered parkland itself and the associated footpaths. The proposed garden room is on the north elevation which overlooks the registered park. We note from the Heritage, Design and Access Statement at 7.3 that the garden room is proposed to be built of Douglas Fir and Sapele mahogany using traditional joinery methods and will have a painted finish. The roof will have an inset glazed roof light, with lead dressed hips and ridge and surrounding aluminium secret gutters. Fig 2, p9, the current rear elevation of Snape Castle Barn shows an elevated 'pleached' hedge around the sitting out area that will become the site of

the garden room. We trust that this pleasing feature will be retained. We have not noted any information regarding outdoor lighting.

The Gardens Trust and Yorkshire Gardens Trust have no objection to the construction of the garden room as proposed, and trust that the paint finish will be of a subdued and sympathetic colour for this historic setting.

However, as we noted in our letter of 16th August 2020 (20/01545/FUL), that although views from the property are important, it is equally important that reciprocal views from the registered park and garden are also conserved. As the room will have year-round use, (Statement at 7.1) we do have some concerns about light being shed and if possible, it would be beneficial to have some additional trees planted that would soften the views of the extension and the lighting, from the registered park.

Yours sincerely,

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