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Dear Mr Allison

ZB25/02193/LBC | Retrospective application for retention of existing holiday lodge and covered terrace | Snape Castle (West), Snape Bedale North Yorkshire DL8 2TJ and ZB/25/02192/FUL

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 (RPG). 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 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 (Listed Grade I) was 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 and garden land are situated within the RPG at the southern boundary, and within the Snape Conservation Area.

We understand that the development work was started 31st August 2025 and the Heritage Statement notes at 5.3 that 'the lodge has been in situ for a number of years prior to the current owners purchasing the property, having been utilised as a shed/storage building.' The Lodge lies within the curtilage to the west of Snape Castle. The development also includes a gravelled surface parking area accessed by a driveway with a gravelled surface from the main driveway to Snape Castle West.

We have not visited the site, but the photomontage photographs show clearly that the Castle is visible from the Lodge, and presumably reciprocally. The northern boundary of the site forming part of the southern boundary of Thorp Perrow's park, appears to be walled with what may be a grown-out hawthorn hedge/small trees on the park side.

The translucent plastic sheets which will be shiny and form a pitched roof over the Lodge's terrace that faces towards the park, seem somewhat at odds with this very historic Snape Castle site, and we have not seen any assessment of the impact on the RPG. The previous incarnation of the Lodge as

a wooden shed/storage building would have been very low key and presumably without car parking and drive.

Without information about visibility from Thorp Perrow's park it is difficult to assess any impact on the RPG. We have no further comments to make on this application but emphasise that this does not in any way signify either our approval or disapproval of the proposals.

Yours sincerely,

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