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Dear Ms Spencer

**ZB25/01844/FUL Construction of a single-story timber-clad community building (12mx 8m)
Formation of a new pedestrian and vehicular access, cycle stands, and compacted stone
surfacing for access and parking. Land East of The Anchorage, Lowfield lane, Snape, North
Yorkshire, DL8 2TJ. Thorp Perrow**

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).

The site for this application lies east of Lowfield Lane. Lowfield Lane forms the south eastern boundary of the RPG but a short distance north of the proposal site so we would have expected the RPG to be noted in the Heritage Design and Access Statement, but we have not seen it mentioned. We consider that the proposed community building, with access etc will be reasonably unobtrusive and the vegetation should keep it well concealed from the historic designed landscape. The BNG 4.1.1.3 notes 'Rural Tree' which we find somewhat unspecific, but we presume Ash. In view of possible Ash Dieback affecting existing trees on the boundaries and because of the close proximity of the site to the RPG we advise some further tree planting along the boundaries to strengthen the tree cover for the long term. In addition to securing the aesthetic qualities of the historic landscape this will also increase the wildlife habitat.

We consider that the proposals will not harm the registered park and garden. 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.

The Gardens Trust and Yorkshire Gardens Trust have no objection.

Yours sincerely,

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