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Dear Sir/Madam

23/00311/RG3 Erection of replacement chalets Beach Chalets 236 To 246 And 258 To 287 The Spa Scarborough 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 Valley Gardens and South Cliff Gardens at Scarborough which are 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.

This proposal within Scarborough Conservation Area is for eleven Beach Chalets to be located below (east) of the Clock Café on the site that previously housed a curved terrace of eleven timber chalets (Listed Grade II). In March 2018 a retaining wall to the rear of the chalets failed which resulted in the upper section of wall collapsing and significantly damaging the beach chalets. Further collapse resulted in the demolition of the chalets. The demolished chalets were constructed in the early 20th Century with minor later 20th Century alterations.

The list entry text (ref: 1392577) explains their significance; "...HISTORY: Permanent bathing bungalows or beach huts first appeared in Britain in c.1910 in Bournemouth, but the idea of creating a series of cells in a permanent row was pioneered in Scarborough at its North Bay in 1911 followed on closely by these examples at South Cliff in 1911-12. Scarborough was the world's first seaside resort; it was essentially where the seaside was invented. By 1735 it had an early form of bathing machine, the wheeled precursor of beach huts, and continued to be a pioneer in all things seaside and many of the innovations begun there were copied elsewhere around the country....'

We understand from the informative Planning Design and Access Statement, February 2023, at 1.3.0 that the development is intended to reinstate and replicate the detailing of the former chalets. We note and support the Heritage Assessment 1.5.6 – 1.5.10.

The new chalets should become a well-used and great asset for both the community and visitors to the registered South Cliff Gardens. The Gardens Trust and Yorkshire Gardens Trust have no objection and trust that every effort will be made to retain the overall historic and visually cohesive

nature of the original series of chalets so that the replacement beach chalets will form a cohesive whole with the adjacent surviving beach chalets.

Yours sincerely,

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