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Dear Mr Skipper

White Rose Forest Consultation on Woodland and Tree Planting Projects: Aspin Oval and Aspin View, Knaresborough North Yorkshire. The Long Walk Knaresborough, SE3456.

Thank you for consulting The Gardens Trust. The Gardens Trust (GT) is the statutory consultee regarding proposed development affecting a site on the Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest in England (RPG) – in this case The Long Walk, Knaresborough, 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 Long Walk extends for c.1km along the west bank of the gorge carrying the River Nidd. It developed as an 18th C picturesque promenade, (laid out and planted by Sir Henry Slingsby), part of the attractions of Knaresborough as a popular spa town from the late 16th C. The walk was described by Dr Adam Hunter as a 'beautiful and romantic walk' in 1807.

There are two consultation sites:

Site Name: Aspin Oval; NGR: SE3537556144; Description: 2 standard trees, species TBC

Site Name: Aspin View; NGR: SE3574456142; Description: 2 standard trees, species TBC

Both sites are within the 1km Buffer Zone of The Long Walk and to the south south-east across the river from The Long Walk. The proposed tree planting will not affect the RPG and will no doubt enhance the streetscape of both sites. We have no objection.

Both sites are not developed on the OS Survey Large Scale Town Plan of Knaresbrough, surveyed in 1849 but 'Aspin Lane' is marked on OS Yorkshire Sheet CLIV.SE revised 1907 and published 1910. We don't know the origin of the name Aspin in Knaresborough but are reminded of *Populus tremula* (Aspen) and *Populus tremula Erecta*. The latter is listed by the tree specialists Barcham which they rate highly as a tightly columnar tree that has ornamental interest and is suitable for planting within an urban environment.

Yours sincerely,

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