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Dear Mr Skipper

White Rose Forest Consultation on Woodland and Tree Planting Projects: Grantham Road, Halifax SE0870026600 Perimeter Planting on Playing Field. Shroggs Park.

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 Shroggs Park, Halifax, 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.

Shroggs Park is a public park laid out in the late 1870's, opened in 1881 located c.2km north-west of Halifax town centre on a high promontory. The final layout of the park featured over 60,000 trees and shrubs; a fountain basin; a handsome ornamental drinking fountain; striking bedding out displays and a shelter pavilion.

We have not visited the area but between the park and the playing field to its east, lies streets of late 19th century stone villas, the A629 and a woodland belt. There should not be any harmful impact on Shroggs Park.

Thank you for clarifying the proposed tree planting. The removal of hybrid poplars in poor health and replanting with a good species mix including some more ornamental species such as lime, horse chestnut and hornbeam, should be very beneficial and as you note will more closely mirror the mixed native broadleaf species found in the adjacent woodland belt.

We have no objection.

Yours sincerely,
Val Hepworth

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