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Dear Mr Peck

**RB2024/1595 Listed Building Consent for re-roofing of copper roof to west front in lead with raised ridge, raised lead parapet, and stonework repairs to west front façade at Wentworth Woodhouse, Cortworth Lane, Wentworth, Rotherham S62 7TQ**

Thank you for sending the documentation for this pre-application enquiry to 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 Wentworth Woodhouse at 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.

Wentworth Woodhouse (Listed Grade I) is the magnificent centrepiece and focal point within a hugely impressive Grade II\* Registered Park and Garden. The surrounding gardens, pleasure grounds and parkland, with its assemblage of highly significant buildings form an almost unparalleled historic landscape design in England.

The west-front block erected 1725-34, retains elements of the 1630 house and faces the garden, with the main path leading from the building in a straight line to the distant church. The repairs and conservation work to the cornice and parapet, re-roofing the failing copper roof in lead and thermal insulation in sheepswool, should prevent water ingress contributing to further degradation of the structure. The works also propose to move the existing internal drainage to the perimeter of the building. This will be enabled by raising the parapet 200mm.

We do not consider that the proposal will have any effect on the garden. The work will ensure the safety and longevity of the building, and the quality of the work so far on the other main wing, the camelia house etc. all seems to have been done to a very high standard.

The Gardens Trust and Yorkshire Gardens Trust have no objection to this application.

Yours sincerely,  
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