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Dear Bradley Sargeson,

2024/0190 Rebuilding and repair works to a section of collapsed battlement walling (Listed Building Consent) Wentworth Castle Gardens, Park Drive, Stainborough, Barnsley, S75 3EN

Thank you for consulting The Gardens Trust (GT) in its role as Statutory Consultee with regard to any proposed development that could affect a site included by Historic England (HE) on their Register of Parks & Gardens – Wentworth Castle at Grade I. 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 Castle is a Grade I house set in its own Grade I garden and surrounded by its Grade I Stainborough Parkland, the only property of such significance in South Yorkshire.

The Battlements are Listed Grade II and are a prominent feature of the historic designed landscape leading to Stainborough Castle (Listed Grade II*) south-west of the house. The Battlements are predominantly of rubble retaining wall construction with more decorative gateways in the form of Archer's Hill Gate (Listed Grade II). The crenelations are of rubble stone with ashlar copings. The proposals involve rebuilding and consolidating the section of the Battlements that collapsed in November 2023.

The Heritage, Design and Access Statement demonstrates the care that will be taken with the proposed works; the Gardens Trust and Yorkshire Gardens Trust have no objection and support this conservation work.

Yours sincerely

Val Hepworth
Trustee Conservation and Planning

Cc Historic England; conservation @ the Gardens Trust