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Dear Ms Turner

Ref: 24/00987/HSE Conversion and extension of garage and store to living space ancillary to dwelling. Somersby House, Trimmingham Road, Halifax HX2 7PX West View Park

Thank you for consulting the Gardens Trust (GT) in its role as Statutory Consultee with regard to any proposed development affecting a site included by Historic England (HE) on their Register of Parks & Gardens – West View Park 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.

The public park, West View Park was laid out in the mid 1890's and opened in 1896. Two local businessmen were the benefactors, Mr HC McCrea (1810-1901) and Mr E Robinson (1835 1926). The former had his wish to name the park 'West View' to reflect its views over the Norland Hillside and Pennine slopes. It occupies a redundant quarry to the north- west of Halifax town centre and is north of Trimmingham Road, the site of this planning application.

There are several older residential properties along Trimmingham Road and on the park side the land is fairly heavily wooded rising up steeply so that little can be seen from within the park itself. One small window is proposed for the north elevation that forms part of the boundary wall onto Trimmingham Road, opposite West View Park.

From the information that we have we do not think that the conversion and extension of the former stable/garage will have any impact on the Registered Park and Garden. We do not have any other comments to make. We would however emphasise that this does not in any way signify our approval or disapproval of the proposals.

Yours sincerely,

Val Hepworth
Trustee Conservation and Planning
Cc. Yorkshire & the North East, Historic England; Kristof Fatsar; conservation @ The Gardens Trust