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Dear Ms Roddis

2024/0218 [LBC] Erection of single storey extension to rear of bungalow cottage, excavation works to rear to create new levelled out rear garden with paving surface and replacement retaining walls and fences around the perimeter (Listed Building Consent) in association with planning application 2023/0783. Chimney Cottage, The Avenue, Wortley, Sheffield, S35 7DB

Thank you for your e-mails regarding this planning application and the amended plans, following our letter of 3rd April.

The Gardens Trust and Yorkshire Gardens Trust are pleased to see that the householder application **2023/0783**, (our response to that dated 17th October 2023) has now been amended so that the plans are the same as those for **2024/0218**, the LBC. We are pleased that you and your Authority's Conservation Officer have been on-site for discussions with the applicant. Having looked at the documents submitted we feel more reassured about the proposals, although in our view the Design Access and Heritage Statement remains limited in its information and has not been altered from the earlier submission.

The height and omission of rooflights makes the proposal much less harmful to the historic qualities of the walled kitchen garden and the wider setting of Wortley's heritage assets. Also, the boundary treatment if managed properly should also reduce the impact of the much-glazed extension and the general outdoor living paraphernalia that will inevitably be located on the paved area. The fact that the extension will be set lower than the working area of the walled kitchen garden will also result in less impact but any archaeology in the area that is to be dug out should be recorded.

In general, we now defer to your and the Conservation Team's advice regarding the final determination of the details and strongly suggest that Wortley Walled Garden Growers (WWGG) are asked for their advice on the tree works and access arrangements if that hasn't already been done.

Yours sincerely,

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