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Dear Mr Denman

ZF23/01692/FL Installation of stainless steel roofing, roof hatch, solar panels and lightning conductors. English Heritage Shop At Whitby Abbey, Abbey Lane, Whitby North Yorkshire

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 – Whitby Abbey House at Grade II (List Entry No: 1001467). 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 Whitby Abbey Visitor Centre and English Heritage Shop is located in the building known as New House (also called the Banqueting House from the late 19th century onwards) built c.1669-1672. It is Listed Grade I with Abbey House. Abbey House originated as a monastic building, and lies parallel with and south of the New House, and to which it is linked on the east and west sides forming a courtyard between the two buildings. New House was severely damaged by gales in 1790 and was never reroofed.

The Abbey House complex lies at the centre of a series of enclosures and former enclosures. These are shown on an undated vellum map of c. 1670-c.1745. (See Reference below.) To the north side of New House are two courtyards; an Outward Court and the Inward Court. To the west of New House is a grassed area called the Grove which enjoys long distance views over Whitby and the Esk Valley. South of the Grove lies the kitchen garden and immediately south of the Abbey House and east of the kitchen garden there are two walled enclosures; the Drying Yard and Parlour Yard. The latter is grassed and now has late 20th century flower beds.

The gardens were laid out in the early - mid 17th century and during the period 1670-1700 possibly incorporating part of a 16th century layout.

The proposed works consist of the removal of the current, modern roof, the installation of stainless steel roofing, roof hatch, solar panels and lightning conductors. The proposals have been carefully considered so that the new work remains below the height of the parapet, so are largely invisible except for very long distance views where they will be largely indiscernible.

There should be no harm to the registered park and garden and the Gardens Trust and Yorkshire Gardens Trust have no objection.

Yours sincerely,

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REFERENCE

Whitby Abbey Headland Project (WAHP) English Heritage Report, 1997.