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To whom it may concern,

26/03947/LI Listed building application for dismantling and re-erection of bridge; installation of new concrete pile foundations; reconstruction of ford and river level paving; alteration to bridge deck composition; removal of temporary metal bridge: Rough Bridge (Masonry And Metal Bridge And Ford Over Stank Beck / Eccup Beck, South Of The Harewood Estate Lake), Harewood House Park, Harewood, LS17 9LF

Thank you for consulting the Gardens Trust (GT) in its role as Statutory Consultee for planning applications on the above Listed Building Consent application, which would have a material impact on the significance of Harewood House, an historic designed landscape of particular significance which is included by Historic England on the Register of Parks and Gardens (RPG) of Special Historic Interest at Grade I. The inclusion of this site on the statutory register at Grade I requires the greatest weight to be given to its conservation (National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) paragraph 212). We have liaised with our colleagues in Yorkshire Gardens Trust (YGT) and their local knowledge informs this joint response.

The register entry states Harewood House RPG consists of gardens and pleasure grounds of the C18 with elements designed by Richard Woods and Thomas White, and a terraced garden of 1844-51 designed by Charles Barry, with a planting scheme possibly by William Andrews Nesfield. Parkland laid out to designs by Lancelot Brown during the period 1772-80 with alterations and additions of circa 1800, some of which were executed to proposals by Humphry Repton.

Rough Bridge, (Listed Grade II) and dating from the late C18 to early C19, is to be carefully dismantled, recorded and rebuilt using traditional construction techniques, but with the addition of concrete pile foundations to mitigate the ground movement affecting the bridge. The cascade and river course paving would also be rebuilt level during this process.

The GT and YGT have considered the information provided and conclude that this is a well-considered proposal for the reconstruction of Rough Bridge and is likely to be vital work for the future in view of the situation regarding climate change and the increasing probability of torrential rain. We confirm that we have no objections to the works proposed and are pleased to support the application as, in securing this Heritage Asset, the impact on the significance of Grade I Harewood House RPG is likely to be neutral.

Yours sincerely,

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