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Dear Mr Parkes

**22/01257/FUL Change of use of agricultural building to B8 (Storage or distribution) use.  
Allerton Grange Farm Allerton Park Knaresborough North Yorkshire HG5 0SE  
RECONSULTATION**

Thank you for reconsulting The Gardens Trust (GT) in its role as Statutory Consultee with regard to proposed development affecting Allerton Park, a site included by Historic England (HE) on their Register of Parks & Gardens, as per the above application, 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 GT and YGT thank you for drawing our attention to the additional Heritage Statement (file date 6 July 2022) but stand by our original objections to this on- going unfortunate change of use situation and the most unfortunate circumstances that are developing by the ever- changing approach from the landowner.

The application form appears to have half the building as B8 storage or distribution and half as B2 industrial, but all the other documents refer to just B8. We also think that the site outline should include the area up to the A168 as the application states that no hedges or trees are involved. We are concerned that they could be removed at a later date.

Whilst noting the able Heritage Statement we observe that it deals with this one building in isolation and only considers the impact on a limited number of the nearest heritage assets-

The Park and Garden

Temple of Victory

West Lodge plus gates and piers

Walled Garden

It is only responding to the basic static visual impact and not the other undesirable impacts that often ensue:

- initially the coming and going activity to the surrounding area / historic park and garden that goes with a storage and distribution centre
- external storage and parked vehicles etc that totally change the rural setting
- unfortunate bold signage that is often applied to this kind of use

For these reasons and the numerous objections raised in our original letters – dated 5<sup>th</sup> December 2021, 25<sup>th</sup> April 2022 - we maintain our objection and firmly recommend this application is refused and a rural countryside strategy be adopted by the planning authority.

Yours sincerely,

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