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Dear Mr Parkes

Thank you for consulting 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 Registered Park includes a number of designated heritage assets including Allerton Castle (grade I), Temple of Victory (grade II*), Lady's Cave Folly (grade II), and Bridge (grade II). Although outside the Registered park and garden, the site of this application is within the wider setting.

This application is a resubmission of previously submitted applications for the construction of a dry straw storage barn reference 21-04639-FUL and 21-04640-FUL.

The Site Plan for ZC23/03534/FUL shows five existing sheds alongside A1 motorway. The proposed agricultural building for straw storage is immediately to east of those in close proximity to the access into the site from A168. The supporting information describes the proposed agricultural building as for the storage of dry straw for young pigs and states that access to the site is on an existing well established tarmac site access that will not change.

We have seen the site, and the site plan is not up to date. The four large sheds have all been built as a long continuous building / pig rearing structure and have four large circular silos in front of them. These are approx 2m in diameter and as tall as the buildings. At the location of the 'straw shed' there is a huge pile of straw bales and a small brick building. There is a concrete strip alongside the apparent unauthorised long continuous shed and there seems to be no provision for site delivery, collection, servicing etc. just gravel.

It is difficult to keep track of this site and its complex planning history, and we are not clear as to why there seems to be two identical applications.

Our initial concern is that the location / site plans are not very accurate, and the application should ideally be resubmitted, giving due consideration to the fact that the four blocks shown have in fact been built as one long building and have four large silos in front of them. We consider that these projecting silos will impact on the site circulation and the potentials for the straw storage.

Until an accurate site plan showing a clear indication of appropriate circulation and servicing/loading and unloading to the sheds and silos is provided we feel it necessary to object to this additional proposal.

Yours sincerely

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cc.Yorkshire and the North East, Historic England; the Gardens Trust