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Dear Mr Hough

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**Reserved matters application (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) for Phase 3 of Class E (Commercial, business and service), B2 (general industrial) and B8 (storage and distribution) development, associated infrastructure and engineering works, approved in outline under hybrid planning permission 21/01238/EIAMAJ.
Land Comprising Field At 440633 457078 Allerton Park North Yorkshire**

Thank you for re-consulting The Gardens Trust (GT) in its role as Statutory Consultee with the reserved matters application, 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.

We refer you to our letter of 15th June where we responded to this application.

We also responded to the associated hybrid planning application 21/01238/EIAMAJ where we wrote about our concerns. That application was granted permission in 2021.

This response should be considered alongside our previous letters.

The submitted information in this reserved matters application, for Phase 3 – Units 7-11 - does not address our previous concerns. As we noted on 15th June the design has not got any better, in fact the opposite. The proposed Landscape Masterplan dated 29th September 2022 and documented on the application website 31st August and 16th February 2023 is diminished from the Landscape Masterplan dated 10th August 2016 of the outline application and the views from the Temple of Victory are unresolved.

In particular one of the key elements, the green corridor, is diminished and there is an almost non-existent 'green' limb between units 8 and 9. The landscaping largely consists of asphalt car parks, asphalt or concrete footpaths, areas of gravel, although noted on the key are not evident, and 'token' green roofs on the timber-clad cycle shelters. Notwithstanding that the current application continues to have less regard for the special interest of the settings of the highly designated heritage assets in Allerton Park and the Registered Park and Garden, there also seems minimal acknowledgement of

measures to address sustainability, wildlife and ecology in this site, on what was until recently a rural landscape.

We note the response dated 27th September 2023 from Historic England and strongly support their views.

The Gardens Trust and Yorkshire Gardens Trust consider that this application does not meet the requirements of NPPF paragraphs 199, 200, 202 and 206 and we wish to register our objection to this application in its present form.

Yours sincerely

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cc. Historic England, Conservation@ the Gardens Trust