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Dear Mr Arthur

22/04266/LB Demolition of existing orangery and day room. Erection of two storey rear extension, single storey extension and front porch. Alterations to fenestration. Gardeners Cottage Allerton Lane Allerton Park Knaresborough North Yorkshire HG5 0S

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. (List Entry Number 1000402). 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 area for this proposal lies in the south-west corner of the estate within the registered boundary and close to Allerton Grange which is immediately outside the registered boundary. The c.3ha rectangular brick-walled kitchen garden is of c. 1770 and Listed Grade II with the accompanying Gardener's Cottage on the north-western boundary of a triangular section of the walled garden immediately north of the main kitchen garden. This application follows **22/03196/FUL**.

Following our letter of concern and objection to **22/03196/FUL** dated 30th September 2022 the GT/YGT appreciates the 28page Heritage Statement by Humble Heritage and notes the numerous alterations and extensions in the life of this Gardener's Cottage. The Gardener's Cottage is shown with a T-plan footprint straddling the north-western boundary wall on the OS 1st Edition 6 inches: 1 mile map of 1853 and the current central block is the surviving portion of this building notated as 'The Garden House'. Particularly since 1950 there have been many changes to the original, 'The Garden House', extending it considerably and especially on the walled garden 'rear' side, forming a modern-looking large, detached house.

We note the confirmation that every effort will be made to match the traditional roofing and brickwork materials.

We regret that the overall massing and design has gone way beyond that of a 'Gardeners Cottage' even a traditional Head Gardener and repeat:

- The new windows should be timber to match existing and not in upvc/aluminium.
- The two-storey extension is very close to the northern boundary of the rectangular walled garden and the first floor will overlook the walled garden.
- We are not clear about the new access route to the highway. What sections are new and where is the old route?

The Gardens Trust and Yorkshire Gardens Trust consider that this continues an out of character design in a historic park and garden and recommend that advice is sought from your Authority's Conservation Officer.

Yours sincerely

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