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Dear Ms Waddington

**ZB23/01330/FUL | Creation of a new Mediterranean garden on land east of Beningbrough Hall, comprising new accessible paths, garden features and associated planting scheme with resurfacing of existing paths. | Beningbrough Hall Beningbrough Park Beningbrough York North Yorkshire YO30 1DD. RECONSULTATION**

Thank you for reconsulting The Gardens Trust (GT) and Yorkshire Gardens Trust (YGT) following our consultation letter of 19<sup>th</sup> July.

Our thanks to Natasha Rowland of the National Trust (NT) for sending us the NT response to our points raised in that consultation and for sharing the garden masterplan.

Regarding our point; that we find it hard to assess how the full implementation of the various new gardens will relate to each other and to the historic landscape. We appreciate the point made in the NT letter that proposals will come forward over a 10-year period and that the current application needs to be considered on its own merits. We hope over time to understand how this present application's proposals fits into the whole.

We agree that one of the main characteristics of the garden has been that of regular change over the generations as we also wrote in our letter.

Thank you for the plan overlays, we now understand from the GPR survey that the yew and laurel clumps on the mounded bank overlay part of the historic path (route present by 1841) from the mansion to the American Garden. Recreating this original route is therefore not an option. The main southern path proposed is not far from its predecessor and will reflect it in terms of aesthetics and design.

As we wrote on 19<sup>th</sup> July regarding the area of this proposal, we support a new design of modern appearance, reflecting the needs of contemporary visitors and contributing to the sustainability (financial and environmental) of the Hall and grounds over the coming years.

Yours sincerely

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cc. Historic England; Conservation, the Gardens Trust