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Dear Ms Walton

**21/00902/FULL Full Planning Permission for Extension of Existing Touring Caravan Site and Siting of 45 no. Holiday Lodges, of Which 8 no have Annex Bedrooms, Welcome Building and Pavilion, with Associated Landscaping, Drainage and Wildlife Pond, and Parking at Constable Burton Hall Caravan Park, Constable Burton, Leyburn, North Yorkshire, DL8 5LJ  
AMENDED**

Thank you for re- consulting The Gardens Trust (GT) in its role as Statutory Consultee with regard to any proposed development affecting a site listed by Historic England (HE) on their Register of Parks and Gardens. In this case Constable Burton Hall, which is registered 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 25<sup>th</sup> November 2021 in which we wrote of the significance of the registered park and garden at Constable Burton, and that we thought that the application is considered and well documented. The landscape scheme strengthens the planted boundaries whilst developing a sympathetic landscaping scheme that should deliver environmental and aesthetic benefits for all who visit the site. We note that the car parking and road surfaces are to be of compacted gravel with low level path downlighters and timers. Importantly the scheme should limit the impact on views from the registered park, and the setting of the other designated heritage assets.

We did query the proposal to use Northumberland Meadow Seed Mix for the Meadow Areas, and suggested that Pennine Dales MG3 *Anthoxanthemum odoratum* – *Geranium sylvaticum* (Sweet Vernal Grass – Wood Cranesbill) could be more appropriate. (Rodwell, J S *National Vegetation Classification*, 1992).

We are pleased to find that the proposal has been divided into two development phases. This will allow the main landscaping features to develop and mature ahead of constructing the 'field barns/lodges' across the full site. We agree that this will reduce the visual impact of the development ensuring that the large areas of screening, particularly to the south boundary, will have matured

somewhat, before any lodges are in this area. The individual trees specified on the Landscape Strategy are appropriate currently, however in view of the changing weather patterns and climate we advise careful consideration is given to planting some other trees in appropriate locations that are suitable for the changing conditions maybe such as Holm Oak *Quercus ilex*, Tulip-Tree *Liriodendron tulipifera* etc. We do not know how the future climate and disease patterns are going to affect our usual tree species so it will be important to plant a varied mix of species.

The Gardens Trust and Yorkshire Gardens Trust do not consider that the proposals will impact on the significance of Constable Burton Hall and Park, and we do not have any objection.

Yours sincerely,

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PS We noted that some of the documents posted on the website are for what we presume is another planning application eg Heritage Statement Rev 2 for Manor House Farm, Middleham, dated 20<sup>th</sup> December 2021.