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Dear Ms Boyce

23/00873/FUL Erection of stables & ancillary equestrian paraphernalia, adjacent enclosed paddock (for private use). East Farm Owston Lane Carcroft Doncaster

Thank you for consulting The Gardens Trust (GT) in its role as Statutory Consultee with regard to any proposed development that could affect a site included by Historic England (HE) on their Register of Parks & Gardens. 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.

East Farm, Owston Lane, lies within the village setting of Little Owston. It is just south of the Owston Conservation Area and south of the historic designed landscape of Owston Hall, now a golf course with the Hall a hotel. Historically Breaks Plantation to the north of East Farm appears to have been a boundary plantation for the designed landscape. To the west of Breaks Plantation lies Owston Lodge constructed in 1811 for the Owston Estate. The historic designed landscape, Owston Park, is not on the Register but is designated as a Park or Garden of Local Historic Interest by the City of Doncaster Council.

Bryan Cooke (1756-1821) inherited Owston from his father, Anthony, in 1763 when he was still a small child. In 1785 Cooke consulted the landscape designer Thomas White (c.1736-1811). White's plan is extant and shows a substantial mansion was planned on a new site, a little distance from the house existing at that time, set within a landscape of plantations, sunk fences, rides and shrubberies. Later in 1793 Humphry Repton (1752-1818) visited Cooke and also gave advice producing one of his signature Red Books *Oulton Hall*, in 1793. This Red Book is now held by Doncaster Heritage Services. See references below.

Whilst East Farm may have been part of the wider designed landscape this is not clear, and it seems unlikely that the proposals to erect timber stables etc on an existing concrete area (probably former dog kennels) with photovoltaic units on the south-east facing roof would have any impact on Owston Park. The Park lies to the north with Breaks Plantation intervening. We note and support the report from your Authority's Design and Conservation Officer.

Yours sincerely

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