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Dear Ms Shtyka

RE:- Felling licence consultation 012/3299/2023 Fountains Abbey & Studley Royal GR: SE 272 685

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 – Studley Royal at Grade I, and a World Heritage Site (WHS). 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.

Studley Royal and Fountains Abbey was designated as a World Heritage Site (WHS) in 1986 due to its world importance, combining an early water garden and designed ornamental pleasure grounds with the ruins of a monastic site.

The proposal is for a woodland area of 1.29ha across 3 compartments. These three compartments are outside the registered boundary of Studley Royal.

Visitor Centre Car Park A Overflow situated south- west of the Visitor Centre. Less than 30% thinning.

Visitor Centre Bird Hide situated south- east of the Visitor Centre. Less than 30% thinning.

And Visitor Centre Bird Hide situated immediately south of the above. Over 30% thinning.

The consultation mapping (Operations Map) does not indicate the compartment numbers to relate to the Record Table making it something of a guess as to which is which.

Compartment 1a and 2 are for thinning of 100% of the compartment with compartment 1b for 41% regeneration felling – all ash trees. Compartment 1b to be restocked at 41% with mixed broadleaves.

In these locations we don't consider that the work will adversely impact the registered park and garden and WHS and the Gardens Trust and Yorkshire Gardens Trust have no objection.

Yours sincerely

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