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Dear Sir/Madam

## **ZC24/00282/LB | Extension to Norton Courtyard Canopy | Grantley Hall Grantley Ripon North Yorkshire HG4 3ES**

Thank you for 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. 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.

Grantley Hall (listed Grade II\*) is now a five- star luxury country resort and spa with many facilities including a nationally important Japanese garden, which is listed by HE on their Register of Parks and Gardens at Grade II.

The range surrounding the Norton Courtyard is noted to be of 'Very High' significance in the Donald Insall Associates, Dec 2015, Ground Floor Plan (p35 Historic Building Appraisal). It is much enjoyed as a space adjoining the river.

Although we do not consider that the proposal would have any effect on the Registered Park and Garden, we do have concerns about the harm to the setting of the listed building – the Norton Courtyard - and the listed building itself. We feel that to extend the canopy to the sides would have a serious effect on the courtyard and undermine the aesthetic enjoyment of the elevations and the views from the adjoining rooms.

In our view the proposals are a stage too far and would unduly impact:  
on the courtyard; on the three elevations; the adjoining restaurant and other ground floor rooms; and the views from the first floor windows.

For these reasons we object to these extensions to the canopy and recommend refusal.

Yours sincerely,

Val Hepworth  
Trustee Conservation and Planning

cc. Historic England; the Gardens Trust