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26th August 2023 Dear Sir/Madam

ZF23/01251/FL Change of use of part of ground floor and Lean-to building from commercial/storage use to 2no. shop units, with associated external works, Cement Mill Cottage East Row Sandsend Whitby North Yorkshire YO21 3SY

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 – Mulgrave Castle Hall at 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.

The former Roman Cement Mill is part of the Mulgrave Estate registered site, within the valley of East Row Beck. Mulgrave Castle park was laid out by the first Earl of Mulgrave in the late 18C and early 19C incorporating proposals made by Humphry Repton (d.1818). The site is made more significant because Repton's Red Book of proposals is still held by the family.

The Roman Cement Mill was established by Lord Mulgrave in 1811 and a small lime kiln was located adjacent to the mill at East Row. It has since fallen out of use. There was a residential area on the upper floor of the building which was originally the miller's house, and which was in active residential use until recently. It is now empty. The building is currently disused, but the ground floor of the mill house (former mill warehouse area) has been used for storage for an adjacent business. This proposal is intended to be a small, temporary scheme, which will be completed as an interim use for the building prior to the conservation and redevelopment of the entire building and its setting. The proposed retail scheme will be light-touch and fully reversible, bringing a currently unused heritage asset into use.

This is a well-documented and considered planning application and includes a Historic Building Record by Addyman Archaeology (March 2023).

The Gardens Trust and Yorkshire Gardens Trust have no objection to the proposal but suggest that there is some interpretation and history included in the proposed work to the buildings for the benefit of those visiting the shop units.

Yours sincerely,

