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Dear Ms Prendergast

22/00159/FUL Extension to existing boundary fence with single and double access gates and installation of polytunnel, St Marys Lodge Marygate York YO30 7BH

Thank you for consulting The Gardens Trust (GT) in its role as Statutory Consultee with regard to the proposed development affecting Museum Gardens, a site included by Historic England (HE) on their Register of Parks & Gardens 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 Museum Gardens were laid out by Sir John Murray Naesmyth for the Yorkshire Philosophical Society in 1844. They were designed as pleasure grounds to provide a setting for the Yorkshire Museum (listed grade I) and the many ancient monuments in its vicinity and to incorporate botanical gardens. On the west side of Museum Gardens, the boundary is formed by the crenellated wall of St Mary's Abbey precinct (listed grade I), the Gatehall and St Mary's Lodge which are also listed grade I.

This application is for a 25m long area against the Abbey Walls south- west of St Mary's Lodge. The polytunnel will take up 7.6m of the length and is proposed to be 3m wide and 2m high. The proposed site will, in effect, extend an existing working area that is hidden by planting, as is the proposed site. The fencing and hedge are 1.4m high, the three trees are to be retained and as there will not be any groundworks any archaeology should be unaffected. We had some concerns that the polytunnel may be visible between the Abbey Wall crenellations (not mentioned in the application) but have noted that there is a significant drop to ground level to Marygate outside the wall, so visibility is unlikely.

The Gardens Trust and Yorkshire Gardens Trust have no objection to this planning application and consider that the proposals will improve the gardens both visually and practically.

Yours sincerely

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