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Dear Dr. Sharp

Gardens Trust Consultation for Felling Licence Application 012/1344/2022 Newby Hall Estate

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. In this case Newby Hall, which is registered 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 park at Newby Hall probably has 17th Century origins and a map for landscaping the park was drawn by the notable designer Thomas White in 1766. This was partially executed.

This is an application to fell circa 12 'bushy' or 'ragged' overgrown Poplars from the avenue along the Carriage Drive during summer 2022 leaving final avenue of Hornbeam. The intermediate stage will leave the hornbeam and the TT32 fastigate poplar after the 12 or so 'incorrect' trees are felled (the 12 bushy poplars were mistakenly planted to replace TT32 poplars that failed early in the planting scheme)."

The carriage drive leads northwards away from Givendale Lodge (Listed Grade II) which marks the northern limit of the registered park and garden.

We have tried to establish an idea of when planting took place to determine its significance in terms of the park layout and history through map regression and reading the register description, however no OS maps from 1828 onwards depict trees, including on the 25" scale between 1888 and 1913. The only reference within the register description close to the application area is to the north side of the park: "This area is not within the park shown by White, who prepared his plan before either of the lodges were built, but is shown as parkland on the 1856 OS map."

The application note suggests that the avenue planting is relatively late, perhaps 20th century, and this is also suggested by our research. The Carriage Drive is the current way out for drivers from Newby, and as such the views are continually northward away from the park and do not connect the viewer with it. The current entrance is along the historic principal approach from Skelton with views towards the eastern front of the house, through the widest extent of the park and past the church and don't allow views northwards. So, the Carriage Drive avenue, is in a sense a new phase of the park's history taking account of the modern visitor's experience on departure.

The proposal will improve this part of the historic Newby Estate and we support the work.

Yours sincerely

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