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Dear Ms Exley

23/01034/FUL Installation of small solar scheme comprising four rows of panels and all associated engineering works to install electricity / data cable, Land At Newby Hall Estate The Stables Ripon HG4 5AE

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 – Newby 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 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. The gardens are largely of 1920-70 date laid out by Major Edward Compton, incorporating a late 19th century rock garden on the site of earlier formal gardens possibly designed by Peter Aram

The proposal is to install a small solar scheme (area 0.15ha) comprising four rows of panels in a field to the east of the river Ure, south and outside of the registered boundary. The engineering works involve laying cables westerly across the field and across the southern spur of the registered park and garden to connect the solar panels to the existing hydroelectric system on the river Ure at Westwick Lock. It is intended that the solar panels will supplement the hydroelectric plant during the summer when river levels are low and when electricity usage is high due to visitors to Newby Hall and Gardens.

The site of the proposed solar scheme on flat land is largely bounded by woodland on the east, north and south and therefore should not be visible from the Registered Park and Garden. From the south the scheme may be visible from the Public Bridleway, but views should be limited by hedgerows. The solar panels are proposed to be mounted on pile driven metal frames, with a height of 2618mm and a pile depth is 1300mm. Access for the construction is proposed to be via Mulwith Lane to the east. Mulwith Lane forms part of the southern registered boundary.

Overall due to the proposed size of the solar scheme, its location and topography and the cable being laid underground there should be minimal impact on the significance of the heritage assets.

The Gardens Trust and Yorkshire Gardens Trust have no objection to this planning application.

Yours sincerely,

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