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Dear Ms Broadhead

22/00536/FUL Installation of CCTV to main entrance gates with associated trenching for electric supply. Nostell Priory, Nostell Priory Estate, Nostell

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 the park, garden and designed landscape at Nostell Priory, 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.

Nostell Priory, a house of Augustinian Canons, was founded during the 12th Century and some of its buildings were converted into a house post the Dissolution. The site was acquired by the Winn family in 1654. The parkland retains elements of an early 18th Century scheme by the notable designer and writer Stephen Switzer (1682-1745), and there are later additions by Robert Adam (1728-1772) who also of course worked on the house.

The proposed CCTV installation will be installed c.25metres within the main visitor entrance (Eagle Gates) to Nostell Priory, on the north side of the access road and located in grass. It is within the southern boundary of the registered park. We understand that CCTV is required as a priority for security reasons as it will enable surveillance of the entrance to the property. It is anticipated that the presence of CCTV will act as a deterrent for any potential vandalism. Another main area of concern is one of personal safety as the proposed CCTV will enable the key rep personnel to respond safely to out of hours calls to the main entrance gate.

The proposed CCTV column will be 4.5m high and the concrete foundation for the column 1.1m (W) x 1.1m (L) x 0.55m (D); this will vary slightly onsite due to the sloping ground surface.

The proposal will introduce a new piece of modern steel infrastructure to the landscape and will inevitably have some impact on the setting and significance of several designated heritage assets as well as the registered park and garden. The harm should be weighed against the public benefit of the

proposal (NPPF July 2021, Para 202). We have noted the detailed Heritage Statement and consultee comments from West Yorkshire Archaeology Advisory Service and from the TPO Officer.

Regarding the archaeology (Romano-British and early medieval) and the tree roots, there may be potential for damage from the CCTV column's footings and the trenching, although we have not been on-site to look at the location. We advise that if permission is granted that there should be an archaeological watching brief and recording prior to and during the work. There will also need to be special care of any tree roots as per the comments from your TPO Officer.

We have no further comments to make. This does not in any way signify either our approval or disapproval of the proposals.

Yours sincerely,

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