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Dear Mr Arthur

26/02750/FUL Erection of oak-framed garage within domestic curtilage, including formation of gravel driveway utilising existing access. The Barn, Farrar Wood to Plompton Park, Plompton, Knaresborough, North Yorkshire, HG5 8NA

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, (RPG), in this case, Plompton Rocks 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 Barn, part of Plompton Hall (Listed Grade II*) is situated to the south of Plompton Hall Farm House. The whole built complex, probably by John Carr for Daniel Lascelles, lies within the RPG near the northern boundary and is located in the Plompton Conservation Area.

The detailed Design, Access and Heritage Statement explains the rationale for this additional intervention in the historic designed landscape. We note the garage structure is proposed to be a subservient outbuilding of timber with a traditional oak frame, vertical timber boarding (as noted on Application Form but appears to be horizontal on the proposed plans and elevations drawing) and where the natural slate roof will be somewhat visible above the wall. We trust that the timber boarding will match the oak frame and that the slate roof will be sympathetic in this location. The gravel access track should be low-key. We trust that the existing post & rail fence and hedge, along the back of the building, will be retained, along with the brick boundary wall to the east.

The Gardens Trust and Yorkshire Gardens Trust consider that this planning proposal will result in less than substantial harm to the RPG at the lower end of the scale.

We have no further comments on the proposals at this stage but would however emphasise that this does not in any way signify either our approval or disapproval of the proposals.

Yours sincerely,

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cc. Historic England; the Gardens Trust