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Dear Mr Arthur

ZC24/02245/FUL | Installation of 2no. external glazed screens within 2no. existing external archways and associated works. | Keepers Cottage 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. 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.

Plompton Rocks pleasure grounds were laid out in the mid-18th century with advice from John Carr, as the grounds for a country house to be built within a pre-existing park of 16th century origin.

Keeper's Cottage is a private dwelling within the east range of the Plompton stables complex (Listed Group II* List Entry No: 1191416) that lies within the north-eastern boundary of the Grade II* Registered Park and Garden (RPG, List Entry No: 1000535). Plompton Hall (Listed Grade II* List Entry No: 1149836) forms the south range of the stables complex which is all now dwellings with its courtyard shared for vehicular and foot access. The site is in the Plompton conservation area which encapsulates the historic Plompton estate. Although the Design and Access Statement including Heritage Statement has a good deal of detail about the heritage assets, we are disappointed to note that as far as we can see, there is no mention of the RPG which at Grade II* means that Plompton Rocks is a particularly important site of more than special interest (around 28% of registered sites).

The proposals should have little or no impact on the RPG and on the basis of this we do not wish to comment on the proposals. We would however emphasise that this does not in any way signify either our approval or disapproval of the proposals.

Yours sincerely,

Val Hepworth
Trustee Conservation and Planning

cc. Historic England; the Gardens Trust