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Dear Ms Benfold

## **6.75.12.AD.ADV 22/00245/ADV Display of no.4 non-illuminated advertisement signs. Ripley Castle Hollybank Lane Ripley HG3 3AY**

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, in this case Ripley Castle 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 proposed signage is for the car park from Hollybank Lane that is located within the registered site, against part of the eastern boundary within the buildings area and south-west of the walled garden. We appreciate the need for visitor parking and improved signage, however, the documents do not indicate the actual locations of the proposed signage, carpark cash points etc apart from a photograph of the entrance from Hollybank Lane. There is no mention of the possible impact of the proposals on the many designated heritage assets; no Heritage or Design and Access Statement. This is a poor quality submission/proposal for Ripley Castle – such a very fine part of Yorkshire's built heritage within a registered park and garden.

The Gardens Trust and Yorkshire Gardens Trust is also concerned that the car park cashpoints, cameras etc are being installed into the outer courtyard section of the Historic Park and Garden whilst the application is still under consultation. The Castle is losing its Castle Courtyard character with the numerous other café/shop signs, and we consider that the additional signage etc needs very careful consideration; little seems to be paid to the excellent Ripley Village Design Guide in particular the section on 'Highways, Parking and Traffic' and especially GUIDELINE HPT4.

Yours sincerely,

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