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Dear Ms Sims

22/00693/LB DCCONLEG 6.75.12.AF.LB Repairs to the lean to bothies on the north wall of the Walled Garden. Repairs include repointing using hydraulic lime mortar, renewing the slate roof and associated timber repairs, replacing the corrugated asbestos roof with corrugated cement fibre sheeting to match existing, installing cast iron gutters and 4 No. cast iron downpipes and inserting 10 No. glazed panels in the roof. Orangery Ripley Castle Hollybank Lane Ripley North Yorkshire

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 Bothies and associated structures are Grade II* Listed (List Entry No: 1315394) and are currently on HE's Heritage at Risk register. The east end of the Bothies is not in use due to the risk of collapse with the section under the asbestos roof being used for storage and staff facilities. The Bothies are important as part of the historic working and garden pleasure area that includes the Orangery, garden wall and pavilions. They may have been designed by William Belwood c.1785 with further work being done for Sir William Amcotts Ingilby in the early 19th Century.

The Gardens Trust and Yorkshire Gardens Trust welcome and very much support this restoration scheme which will give additional recognition to the heritage assets and to the experience for visitors to Ripley Castle and gardens.

We support the Westmorland slate roof being renewed as existing but strongly suggest that the asbestos corrugated roof be replaced by slate coloured sheeting OR ideally traditional slates rather than corrugated cement fibre. We think that in the long-term traditional slates will be financially beneficial as well as aesthetically and historically more appropriate.

Yours sincerely,

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