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Dear Ms Sims

DCCONLEG PP-11617481 22/04111/LB Fit out of the eastern section of Bothies which are currently empty to create storage and changing facilities to support outward bounds activities on the Estate. 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). The Bothies situated on the north side of the wall between the East Pavilion and the Orangery 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.

We are very pleased that the careful repair work (GT/YGT consultation response 16th March 2022) has been carried out supported with a Repair Grant for Heritage at Risk (HAR) from Historic England. We note that these proposals are for interior alterations with limecrete flooring, WC including accessible, retention of the historic fireplace and with new windows and doors in the existing openings. There is some loss of historic fabric, but this is minimal to allow for the new use.

The proposal is very well designed and will give these significant buildings at Ripley Castle a long-term sustainable use with public benefit.

The Gardens Trust and Yorkshire Gardens Trust are pleased to support this application.

Yours sincerely,

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