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Dear Sir/Madam

23/00484/FU Installation of roof mounted solar panels, North Leeds Cricket Club Old Park Road, Gledhow. Roundhay Park

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. In this case Roundhay Park, which is registered 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.

Roundhay Park estate of c. 200ha was purchased by Leeds City Council in the 1870's. The North Leeds Cricket Club Ground and pavilion lies within the registered park immediately south of the Sports Ground adjacent to the western registered boundary by Old Park Road. However, there is no mention in the documents and covering letter of its situation in the registered park.

The proposal is to install 21 roof mounted solar panels to the existing club house building/pavilion on its rear (south-west) elevation. The siting of the solar panels is to avoid potential damage from being hit by cricket balls - the north-east elevation of the building fronts the pitch. This position will also face away from the registered park.

We understand that the proposals will support an increased transition towards the use of renewable energy at the club, allowing the club to adapt and boost its sustainability whilst reducing reliance on other energy sources. This is a good way forward for such a community asset and in the proposed position the solar panels will not impact negatively on the Registered Park and Garden.

The Gardens Trust and Yorkshire Gardens Trust have no objection.

Yours sincerely,

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