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Dear Sir/Madam

## **22/00220/FUL Dormer to front, access ramp to side and front, and container storage to rear in Rowntree Park, a Designated Park/Garden Pavilion, Rowntree Park Terry Avenue York**

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.

Rowntree Park was York's first municipal park. Laid out in 1919-21, it is a memorial to the Cocoa Works staff who fell and suffered during the First World War and was designed following proposals by Frederick Rowntree. Plants were provided by James Backhouse Nursery. It was presented to the City by Messrs Rowntree and Co and is Registered at grade II.

The park is a rectangular shaped site of c. 8.5ha and consists of a formal garden on an east/west axis, with hump- back bridge and dovecote. Other features include a rockery and defunct cascade, and a building with a tea- room. The gateway to Terry Avenue has relocated wrought iron gates of 1715 by Jean Tijou. The whole of the park is subject to flooding which takes a long time to drain away.

The Pavilion is near the boundary fence, facing the tennis courts and is adjacent to a large skate board structure which dominates this section of the park. The building floods so the proposal is to use the upper portions which involves new windows and roof line to the west, facing into the park. We do not consider that this will materially affect the listed park. The proposed container will be positioned on the east side of the pavilion where it will be visible from Terry Avenue, and we recommend additional evergreen shrub planting along this section of the boundary.

Yours sincerely

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