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Dear Mr Parkes

6.121.120.P.FULMAJ 21/05487/FULMAJ Partial demolition of existing driving range building, erection of two storey driving range building including retail provision, teaching facilities, cafe / bar and associated areas (Use Class E(a), E(b), E(d), F2(c) and Sui Generis). Reconfiguration and extension to existing car park, earthworks relating to the reconfiguration of existing ground contours and golf bunkers with all associated landscaping, ancillary storage and apparatus and all engineering, drainage works and operations. Rudding Park Driving Range Follifoot 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 – Rudding Park 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.

Rudding Park is notable for its links with Humphry Repton who drew up a Red Book in 1790 for its then owner Lord Loughborough, and then later the work on the gardens by James Russell in the mid-20th Century.

Rudding Park Golf Club, Academy and Trackman Driving Range (which this application relates to) is located to the south-west of Rudding Park Hotel within the registered boundary where there is a tree belt/screen separating the registered park and garden from the A658 road and also Rudding Lane. It is some way from what remains of the Repton Park area which is further up to the north-east where it forms the setting for the mansion (now part of the hotel).

Rudding Park and the application site also lies within a 'Special Landscape Area (SLA)' under Harrogate BC Plan Policy NE4 and is recognised for its high-quality landscape and important contribution to the setting of Harrogate.

The site is located within an established golf course with a clubhouse and associated buildings. A planning permission relating to the Trackman Driving Range (ref: 16/03890/FUL) was granted in 2017 for the "Extension and formation of new golf driving range bays". This planning permission was not implemented and lapsed in February 2020.

We understand that the current built area has a total footprint of 741m². This proposal to redevelop and extend the Golf Academy will have a total footprint of 1086m². Additional car-parking is proposed to the South of the Golf Academy building, taking the total number of spaces from 60 to 90 (incl. 4No. Accessible bays). This area will be accessed via an amended hard landscape link to the immediate West of the existing Academy building.

Inevitably the extended parking areas and larger building will have some impact on the landscape views but as it is at some distance from the mansion and the main Repton Park area, we have no objection.

Yours sincerely,

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