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Dear Sir/Madam

26/04888/LB 26/05008/FUL Erection of a porch. Rudding Park Hotel Follifoot Harrogate North Yorkshire HG3 1JH

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 (RPG) – 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 was originally part of the forest of Knaresborough.

The proposal is for the construction of a glazed porch which represents a redesign and extension of an original approved application dating to 2019. This approval accepted the principle of a new glazed link between the listed Stables and later extension to Rudding House.

We note at 5.2.1 of the Heritage Impact Assessment that: 'The footprint remains within the former service courtyard – which was historically paved and is now covered with hard landscaping - and would therefore not result in further loss of green space within the Registered Park and Garden.' The footprint of the proposed porch would be larger than existing, but it shouldn't compete with the traditional gritstone of the Stables (grade II) or House (grade I) and should be a high-quality modern intervention and improvement on the existing structure. We consider that the proposal will have little or no impact on the RPG.

We confirm that we have no objections to the work proposed and have no further comments to make.

Yours sincerely,

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