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Dear Mr Davies

26/03844/FUL and 26/03831/LB Erection of substation, switch room and all associated engineering operations infrastructure and ancillary works. 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.

This response is for both planning applications.

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 site of the proposed substation etc is just within the RPG boundary wall to the west and within the historic shelterbelt that now consists of deciduous trees, shrubs and rhododendron, and where there are permanent holiday park chalets on its eastern flank. There is an existing gated opening through the boundary wall from Rudding Lane which will be utilised for the development. This area of Rudding Park has good tree cover and the application site is some way from what remains of the main Repton Park area which is further to the north- east where it forms the setting for the mansion (now part of the hotel).

The Rudding Park – HV Sub Station and LV Switchroom Detailed Application document by 'Enjoy Design' writes at 4.0 (p4) that:

There are no direct landscaping works associated with the construction of the substation. However, a BNG strategy has been submitted with this application which details a wider planting strategy as a direct result of these works.

The proposed associated BNG works are to be located outside the RPG to the north, on Collins Hill.

We consider that the proposal within the RPG will not have an appreciable impact on the landscape and we understand that the proposal provides essential modern infrastructure for the continued operation of Rudding Park as an hotel and leisure destination.

We confirm that we have no comments to make on the proposed associated BNG works or other aspects of the application at this stage.

Overall, the Gardens Trust and Yorkshire Gardens Trust have no objection to both applications **26/03844/FUL and 26/03831/LB.**

Yours sincerely,

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