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Dear Mr Walsh

ZC23/03494/FUL The erection of a temporary building (measuring approximately 14.7m x 8.7m x 2.9m) for operational use for a period of 5 years. Rudding Park Rudding Lane Follifoot Harrogate 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 – 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 and we understand that there were ancient oaks retained within the parkland. Rudding Park is within the Green Belt.

We understand from the Design and Access Statement that the temporary building will be for a temporary 'pop-up' restaurant adjacent to the Kitchen Garden in an existing tarmac area used for larger motorhomes. This proposal is connected with the granted wider masterplan for phased redevelopment (GT/YGT response dated 28th April 2023), that will see a reduction in guest restaurant facilities during construction works.

The owners of Rudding Park have designed and developed high quality hospitality amenities over the past fifty years and have generally taken good care to sustain the heritage assets of the site both built and landscape. Although this proposal lies within the registered park and garden and within the Green Belt, as a temporary structure, we consider that such a building that is well-screened will be appropriate and enable the business demand to be met. We trust that this temporary building and infrastructure will be removed when the new guest facilities are in place and site sensitive landscaping will be allowed to develop. We have not noted any information about vehicular parking and presume that existing parking areas will be used.

The Gardens Trust and Yorkshire Gardens Trust have no objections.

Yours sincerely,

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