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Dear Mr Lewis

## **Felling Licence Application for Rudding Park, Harrogate, The Whins, Grid Ref: SE 331 520**

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. In this case Rudding Park, which is registered 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-20<sup>th</sup> Century.

Compartment 20a is the south-western belt of the Whins which lies to the south -west of the registered boundary of Rudding Park, south of the A658 road. It is outside the registered boundary but has been part of the estate and can be considered as part of the setting. We understand that the compartment is mainly mid rotation Ash, Oak, Birch and Cherry, (approx. 40 years old). Ash is about 75% of standing crop with evidence of early onset die-back. Some larger semi-mature Oak, Beech and Sycamore adjacent to southern boundary are to be retained. A Footpath/Cycle route follows the southern boundary.

There is to be 100% restocking of the Ash felled area with 20% Sycamore, *Acer pseudoplatanus*, and the remaining 80% divided equally between Pedunculate Oak, *Quercus robur* and Small-leaved Lime, *Tilia cordata*. We presume that the arrangement of the species in the restocking will be dependent on a variety of factors and trust that the future aesthetic qualities of the woodland both as part of the setting of historic Rudding Park and for public enjoyment will be taken into consideration in this replanting.

The Gardens Trust and Yorkshire Gardens Trust have no objection to the felling and restocking of this compartment.

Yours sincerely,

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