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Dear Ms Boulton

22/00616/FUL Outdoor 12 hole woodland themed Adventure Golf with the construction of a building as a refreshment area, Shibden Park Godley Lane Halifax Calderdale

Thank you for consulting The Gardens Trust (GT) in its role as Statutory Consultee with regard to any proposed development affecting a site included by Historic England (HE) on their Register of Parks & Gardens. In this case Shibden Hall/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.

The location of this submission is on land immediately north of the northern boundary of the Registered Park and Garden and north of the access drive to the lakeside car park. It is in the area of a previous pitch and putt course. Shibden Hall/ Park is a very significant park for Calderdale and is much used and loved by the community and visitors. We note however that there is no reference to the registered landscape in the Heritage Statement and it should also be noted by the applicants that Shibden Hall is Listed Grade II*.

ShibdenHall/Park is a landscape park with formal and informal gardens and pleasure grounds surrounding the 15th century and later manor house (Shibden Hall). The gardens, pleasure grounds, terrace, lake and drives were laid out from the 1830's by William Gray, John Harper, Joshua Major and Son and William Berry.

Although the Heritage Statement suggests that the views of the proposed site 'can't be seen from the house', this is due to the belt of deciduous trees so the site will potentially be visible in the winter and if there is any trees loss. There is no mention of the historic designed landscape which is the envelope for the Hall and although the proposed site is just outside the registered landscape in our view the development would harm the setting. It would introduce incongruous built structures into what currently appears as open field and would be more intrusive than the previous pitch and putt course with possible damage to tree roots and loss of habitat.

We advise that should the application be determined as suitable for the setting of Shibden Hall/Park that all the trees in the area of the proposed development are protected by TPO's and there is a condition to maintain and enhance the tree cover.

Yours sincerely,

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