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Dear Ms Exley

**ZC23/02936/FUL Conversion of barn to form residential accommodation, proposed refurbishment, internal modifications and single storey rear extension to existing farmhouse. Low Lindrick Studley Royal Ripon North Yorkshire HG4 3BD**

Thank you for consulting The Gardens Trust (GT) in its role as Statutory Consultee with regard to proposed development affecting a site included by Historic England (HE) on their Register of Parks & Gardens, at grade I as per the above application. The Gardens Trust has liaised with the Yorkshire Gardens Trust (YGT) and YGT is responding on behalf of both Trusts. We would be grateful if you could please take our comments into consideration when deciding this application.

Studley Royal and Fountains Abbey was designated as a World Heritage Site (WHS) in 1986 due to its world importance, combining the ruins of a monastic site with an early water garden and designed ornamental pleasure grounds. The site has been described as 'one of the most spectacular scenic compositions in England' (Hussey, 1967) and the 'finest formal water-garden in the country' (Jellicoe et al 1986). Due to its World Heritage Site importance Studley Royal has a Buffer Zone required by UNESCO and the proposed works lie within this Zone. This Zone is an indicator of the sensitive nature of the wider landscape around the WHS.

The boundary of the Grade I Registered Park and Garden runs along the east boundary of the application site. Low Lindrick Farm is a rural farmstead c. 3.6km west of Ripon which is accessed by private drives from either Galphay Lane to the north or from the B6265 from the south. This drive is bounded by mature trees and is entered directly opposite Grade II Listed Lindrick Gate, an entrance gate to Studley Park. We have no concerns about these.

The proposal seems to be a sympathetic repair and conversion and it is unlikely that the proposal will impact on the significance of the designated heritage assets.

We have been unable to access the complete Design and Access Statement as it 'freezes' after page 9. Regarding the Proposed Site Plan, we are pleased that the stone boundary wall (12) is to be retained and we presume bounds the whole site to the east, particularly as this is close to the Registered boundary. We note the new gravel to the parking area (15) which we trust will be a sympathetic colour and trust that the paving (11) of the courtyard (5) will allow for permeability. We are pleased to note the creation of a typical farmhouse walled garden (6) adjoining the historic house entrance with the stone boundary wall retained (12).

The Gardens Trust and Yorkshire Gardens Trust have no objection.

Yours sincerely,

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