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Dear Sir/Madam

25/05294/FU Installation of 950 Lin/m of estate style fencing, matching gates and height restrictors, Temple Newsam Temple Newsam Road Halton, Leeds, LS15 OAE

Thank you for consulting The Gardens Trust 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 Temple Newsam 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 historic parks and gardens and is authorised by the GT to respond on GT's behalf in respect of such consultations.

The wide extent of the registered landscape at Temple Newsam is significant as the setting to the grade I listed Temple Newsam House and a considerable number of other listed buildings. Britain's most famous landscape designer, Lancelot 'Capability' Brown made a plan for Temple Newsam in 1762, which was the first for West Yorkshire. This has survived and, in spite of his design not having been fully implemented, it sheds light on the design approach of this foremost landscape designer.

It is regrettable that the fencing, gates and restrictors are needed (on non-historic boundaries) but understand the problems faced at Temple Newsam with its ease of access, location in an urban area and multi-use activities.

The Heritage and Design Access Statement is very helpful, and we agree that the 1.2m high estate type of fencing painted Invisible Green. 56. is appropriate with some timber post and rail fencing with matching agricultural style gates in certain locations. We do not know whether the RAL colour for the height restrictors is the standard colour laid down in the regulations. Our only advice is whether these could be painted in a more muted colour to be potentially less discordant in the historic views, including from the house.

The Gardens Trust and Yorkshire Gardens Trust have no objection and trust that the works will assist the management, enjoyment and appreciation of this special historic place; Temple Newsam.

Yours sincerely

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