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Dear Mrs Lyth

## **22/00194/FUL To Use Clarence Park Lodge, Lawefield Lane for Supported Living of two children, Thornes Park, Wakefield.**

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 Thornes Park, a public 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. It was very useful to have our telephone conversation about this planning application and the one for the children's playground the other day.

As you will know Thornes Park consists of three historically distinct areas of landscaping, the earliest dating from the later 18<sup>th</sup> century. With Clarence Park and Holmfield Park, it forms a large parkland to the south-west of the centre of Wakefield, and the features include the earthwork remains of a former motte and bailey castle, a rose garden within the old kitchen garden of Thornes House (house now lost), gate lodges and two drinking fountains. It is a good example of an urban municipal park of the late 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries where the layout survives almost intact. It has added interest in a late 18<sup>th</sup> century landscape possibly designed by John Carr of York.

Clarence Park Lodge lies to the north within the former Clarence Park. This small red brick lodge was erected between 1893 and 1907 as part of the landscaping of the new Park. It is one and a half storeys with a steeply pitched roof and a gable facing into the park. The upper floor wall projects and is tile hung with dentils below, and the apex of the gable is timber framed.

Externally the proposal includes an additional window in the side elevation to the south constructed of wood to match the existing and above this a new roof light in black metal. This elevation faces down the park, and the additional windows will somewhat alter the aesthetic quality of the lodge, however we support the revised use of Clarence Park Lodge particularly as we noted that at the time of the registration of Thornes Park it was boarded up and unused.

The Gardens Trust and Yorkshire Gardens Trust have no objection to this planning application.

Yours sincerely,

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