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Dear Mr Hunter

**Higher-tier Woodland Only Application, SBI number 117467694, and CRM case ref no CRM-3360736-Y8K7S2; CS HT Thorp Perrow \_ CRM-3360736-Y8K7S2**

Thank you for consulting The Gardens Trust (GT) in its role as Statutory Consultee with regard to any proposed development that could affect a site included by Historic England (HE) on their Register of Parks & Gardens – Thorp Perrow 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.

Thorp Perrow has pleasure grounds and lakes laid out c.1800 by Adam Mickle II of the Mickle dynasty of landscapers and whose father worked with Lancelot 'Capability' Brown. The park has 17<sup>th</sup> Century origins enlarged in the first half of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century. Thorp Perrow is now probably best known for its arboretum created by Sir Leonard Ropner (1895-1977).

The consultation regards the erection of a few fence sections and field gates as part of a Countryside Stewardship application for Thorp Perrow on land parcels either intersecting SHINE features or within the Registered Park and Garden (RPG). The parcels that are within the RPG are SE2585 2841 (Park House), SE2585 4102 (Banks Plantation), SE2684 4156 (East Snape Lodge), SE2685 2782 (near Sykes Plantation, North Boundary) and SE2685 7335 (Gravel Hole Plantation).

We understand that the fence sections and field gates are part of a Countryside Stewardship application for Thorp Perrow needed to keep sheep out of the woodland and in most (if not in all) cases the fences will replace existing fences. The parcels of woodland are immediately within the registered boundary at various locations round the designed landscape:  
SE2585 2841 (west of Park House/dower house) is immediately east of West Park,  
SE2585 4102 (Banks Plantation) shelters West Park to its north,  
SE2684 4156 (East Snape Lodge) is south of the southern parkland and east of Snape Castle (Listed Grade I),

SE2685 2782 (near Sykes Plantation, North Boundary) shelters the park and is north of the walled garden,  
SE2685 7335 (Gravel Hole Plantation) is west of the Lakes and has parkland to its north.

(We do not seem to have any information about the type of fencing, and we have not been out on site to see the locations relative to designed views, the topography and the woodland parcels involved. We understand the need to keep stock out of the woodland but in view of the locations of the woodland parcels relative to features of the designed landscape noted above we trust that the work will be carried out not be visually harmful to the qualities of the RPG.)

Thank you for extra information received on 6<sup>th</sup> November regarding the above viz:

The fencing that is being replaced will be for the replacement of the existing fences which have failed due to age and deterioration over the years which has resulted in the fences being compromised. These will be replaced with standard stock fencing, which is what is already present, like for like. There should be no changes at all with what is already present and no impacts on the visual aspect.

The Gardens Trust and Yorkshire Gardens Trust have no objection.

Yours sincerely

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