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Dear Mr Skipper

## **White Rose Forest Consultation on Woodland and Tree Planting Projects: Oakdale, Harrogate. Valley Gardens Harrogate SE2955**

Thank you for consulting The Gardens Trust. The Gardens Trust (GT) is the statutory consultee regarding proposed development affecting a site on the Register of Parks and Gardens of Special Historic Interest in England (RPG) – in this case Valley Gardens, Harrogate, 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.

The Valley Gardens are a public park with early to mid 19<sup>th</sup> Century origins, laid out in the 1880's and with additions in the 1930's and later. When the Valley Gardens were called Bogs Field, the area included thirty-six mineral springs and Harrogate became enormously popular during the 19<sup>th</sup> Century for the taking of the waters. The Gardens are an important public park and pleasure grounds.

There is one consultation site:

Site Name: Oakdale Harrogate; NGR: SE2956056188; Description: 2 standards; Species: TBC

The site is within the 1km Buffer Zone of the Valley Gardens and c.1km to the north. It is west of the A61. This proposed tree planting will not affect the RPG, and we have no objection. Interestingly the area in question is undeveloped land and marked as Oakdale near Oak Beck on OS Sheet 62 1inch:1mile surveyed 1846-1852, revised 1896 and published 1898

We note on the supplied map that several standard trees are marked for the Valley Gardens. Have these trees already been planted and have the species, positions and impact on the RPG been carefully considered?

Yours sincerely,

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