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Dear Mr O'Dwyer

Reference: Consultation Felling and Restocking, Cmpt 1a, Wentworth Woodhouse, Cortworth Lane, Wentworth, Rotherham, S62 7TQ. Grid Ref: SK 392 978

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 – Wentworth Woodhouse, which is registered at Grade II*, List Entry Number: 1001163. 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.

Wentworth Woodhouse (Listed Grade I) is the magnificent centrepiece and focal point within a hugely impressive Grade II* Registered Park and Garden. The surrounding parkland and the wider landscape with its assemblage of highly significant buildings many listed grade II* all combine to form an almost unparalleled historic landscape design in England.

Compartment 1a, the subject of this consultation lies at the entrance to the car park, south- west of the Stables, Riding School and Mews (Listed Grade I and II). The latter were built in a style, and of a quality, that offered an appropriate compliment to the Mansion. They are of exceptional significance in relation to their physical stature, design as a set piece by a national architect of great note, and their substantial survival. They were designed to form an aesthetic part of a substantial remodelling of the gardens and wider landscape.

The proposal is to remove six large Black Poplars that are adjacent to the car park; area 0.05ha. We understand that the restocking will consist of a 5 to 1 ratio instead of natural regeneration and this has been discussed with the land agent and the licence applicant. The restocking is proposed to be Yew 40%, holly 40%, pedunculate oak 12% and small-leaved lime 8%, planted as individual trees.

We have not been given any further information about this consultation but presume and trust that this tree work is part of the Wentworth Woodhouse Conservation Management Plan and landscape proposals and the Gardens Trust and Yorkshire Gardens Trust have no objection.

Yours sincerely

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