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Dear Ms Gregory

## **23/03026/FUL Siting of Sculpture, 'Boy with Dove', Weston Park, Western Bank, Sheffield, S10 2TP**

Thank you for consulting The Gardens Trust (GT) in its role as Statutory Consultee with regard to any proposed development affecting a site included by Historic England (HE) on their Register of Parks & Gardens. In this case Weston Park 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.

Weston Park covers an area of 5ha and includes Weston Park Museum and Mappin Gallery. The park was modified by Robert Marnock from a mid- 19<sup>th</sup> century garden and opened to the public in 1875; the first park bought with public funds for the people of Sheffield. There are several sculptures and memorials in the park.

The proposed sculpture 'Boy with Dove' by Anthony Padgett, is for a life-size bronze figure of a child sitting on a bench of the same design as all the other benches in Weston Park. It will commemorate Sheffield as a place where the people of Sheffield welcomed child refugees, gave their lives to fight unjust wars and hosted the Second World Peace Congress (1950).

Situated to the east of the southern entrance nearest the Museum, alongside the path, it will be an interesting and we hope thought-provoking addition to the existing sculptures in Weston Park. It is unlikely to have any adverse effect on the park and the Gardens Trust and Yorkshire Gardens Trust have no objection.

Yours sincerely,

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