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Dear Ms Barson

Consultation on Woodland Creation at Moor View Farm, Sheffield. GR: SK 30751 82593 (Setting Whinfell Quarry Garden)

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 Whinfell Quarry Garden, 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.

Whinfell Quarry Garden, an early 20th century ornamental quarry garden covers an area of c. 1ha to the south-west of Sheffield on the western edge of the suburb of Whirlow. The garden contains rare trees, shrubs and other plant species and includes a limestone rock garden of c.1912 designed by the horticulturist and plant collector Clarence Elliott. It is well-cared for by an active Friends group supported by Sheffield CC.

Moor View Farm lies to the south-west of the Garden with part of Whirlow Brook Park in the Limb Valley intervening between the two areas. Whirlow Brook Park is on the Sheffield City Council Local List of Public Parks, (UDP Policy Background Paper No 4 1997 and Supplementary Planning Guidance 1997.)

The new tree planting is proposed to cover an area of 1.98ha. and is the parcel of land nearest the farm buildings further west (marked in red) with 3 other parcels of land (marked in blue) as potential areas towards the east and to the south bordering the Hathersage Road.

We have not been given any indication of the tree species proposed or the planting regime but due to the topography, the boundaries of the Garden (formerly called Whirlow Quarry) and the fact that the proposal is for woodland in an already wooded area we do not consider that the Woodland Creation proposal will harm the setting of Whinfell Quarry Garden. However, we suggest that when the 3 parcels of land marked in blue are being considered for Woodland Creation, two of which bound the southern boundary of Whirlow Brook Park, that a steer on the species is taken by looking at the existing planting within the Park north-west of Whirlow Bridge and west of the Lodge. Whirlow Brook Park is a typical example of woodland and water garden of the 1920's. It is one of the finest

ornamental landscapes in the City. Whirlow Brook House was built in 1906 by Mr and Mrs Percy Fawcett, formerly of Middlewood Hall. There is also an active Friends group for the Park.

The Gardens Trust and Yorkshire Gardens Trust have no objection to the proposed Woodland Creation (in red) on the setting of both the registered park and garden and the public park on Sheffield CC Local List.

Yours sincerely

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