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Dear Mr Denman

REF: 2022/0800 Installation of ground mounted solar panels on land to side of dwelling and associated works, Park House, Road adjacent to Wortley Park, Wortley, Sheffield, S35 7DE

Thank you for consulting The Gardens Trust (GT) in its role as Statutory Consultee with regard to proposed development affecting Wortley Hall, a site included by Historic England (HE) on their Register of Parks & Gardens, as per the above application, 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.

Park House Cottage lies within Wortley Hall's registered park towards the south- eastern boundary. Park House and its associated agricultural buildings are shown on the OS 1st Edition map published in the 1850's and were possibly built as part of the development of the Wortley Estate during the 18th Century.

Wortley has been associated with the Wortley family since the time of King Stephen and significant architects and landscape designers have worked there from Ralph Tunncliffe in the 1730's, and over the further course of the 18th Century, Giacomo Leoni, Matthew Brettingham and John Carr of York – the latter was responsible for the stable block and outbuildings. At the beginning of the 19th Century the south front garden terraces of the Hall were completed and also the laying out of the park. William Sawrey Gilpin (1762-1843) is said to have worked 'in a Pricean spirit' (alluding to the important picturesque landowner/writer and designer Uvedale Price) at Wortley (*Gardeners Magazine*, Vol 16 1840 pp105-08) although the extent of his work is not clear.

Immediately to the north of Park House and Park House Cottage is the historic drive from West Wood Lodge to Wortley Hall but which now only serves Park House, Park House Cottage and farming access. However, it is the route of the Trans Pennine Trail. We understand that the parkland is in agricultural/arable use.

We understand from the Heritage Statement that the proposal is for two rows of ground mounted solar panels of elevation less than a metre in a paddock east of the dwellings. The paddock is bounded by a hedge to its north alongside the historic drive. The other boundaries are not described but there is woodland at some distance across the former parkland to the south of the site.

The proposed ground mounted solar panels should have very little impact on the registered park and garden and the Gardens Trust and Yorkshire Gardens Trust have no objection.

Yours sincerely,

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