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Dear Ms Marshall

26/00608/FUL Construction of batting lanes, Bretton Village Cricket Club , Park Lane, Bretton, Wakefield WF4 4JU

Thank you for consulting The Gardens Trust 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 (RPG). In this case Bretton Hall, Yorkshire Sculpture Park is registered grade II with the Hall listed 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 historic parks and gardens and is authorised by the GT to respond on GT's behalf in respect of such consultations.

Bretton Village Cricket Club and Cricket Ground lies just within the northern boundary of Bretton Hall RPG southwest of Bretton Lodge (listed grade II) and within the West Bretton Conservation Area. It is separated from the main parkland by a belt of trees. The land here slopes slightly to the east, whereas the registered parkland beyond the trees slopes to the south.

The batting lanes are proposed to be sited along the southern section of the cricket ground alongside the stone wall that separates the cricket ground from the parkland. The Heritage Statement indicates that the site lies in proximity to the Yorkshire Sculpture Park whereas it is within the RPG, but it acknowledges that 'The wider landscape is therefore sensitive, with significance derived from its designed parkland character, openness, and long views.'

We agree with the assessment in your Authority's Planning, Design and Conservation Response that the design proposed would be visually lightweight and placed as proposed near the clubhouse, would avoid development sprawl across the site. The colour of the structure would be least obtrusive against the green landscape in a mid-dark green powder coated finish. There may be some intrusion into longer-range views across the park from Park Lane, albeit as part of the existing cricket club structures, but the impact will be minimal, and the proposal supports the continued viable use and future of this cricket facility in West Bretton village.

The Gardens Trust and Yorkshire Gardens Trust consider that this planning proposal, with the advice as given in the Planning, Design and Conservation Response, will result in less than substantial harm at the lower end of the scale to the RPG and the Conservation Area and we have no objection.

Yours sincerely

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