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Dear Ms Mackay

ZE26/00487/FUL | Temporary siting of Christmas marquee | Castle Howard The Stray To Swiss Cottage Roundabout Castle Howard North Yorkshire YO60 7DA

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, (RPG), in this case, Castle Howard at grade I. 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.

The parkland, pleasure grounds and gardens of Castle Howard are registered at Grade I indicating that it is an RPG of exceptional interest and of international importance as an example of the 'Heroic Age' of English Garden History (Christopher Hussey).

The proposal is for a 1100sq m white temporary free-standing marquee in front of the west wing of the house in the Boar Garden to accommodate the Food & Beverage and Retail offer during the busy Christmas period. There will be a small queuing tunnel. The existing lawn will be replaced after the event.

We have considered the information provided in support of the application and on the basis of this we confirm we do not wish to comment on the proposals at this stage. We would however emphasise that this does not in any way signify either our approval or disapproval of the proposals.

Yours sincerely

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