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Dear Sir/Madam

26/03336/FU Extension to existing Animal Centre including the construction of new enclosures with associated works including landscaping, fencing and access gates, Rose Lodge & Walled Garden, Temple Newsam Park Road Halton LS9 OAA

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 Temple Newsam 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 historic parks and gardens and is authorised by the GT to respond on GT's behalf in respect of such consultations.

The wide extent of the registered landscape at Temple Newsam is significant as the setting to the grade I listed Temple Newsam House and a considerable number of other listed buildings. Britain's most famous landscape designer, Lancelot 'Capability' Brown made a plan for Temple Newsam in 1762, which was the first for West Yorkshire. This has survived and, in spite of his design not having been fully implemented, it sheds light on the design approach of this foremost landscape designer. This planning application relates to the walled garden (listed grade II) and Rose Lodge, a former estate gardener's house, listed for its curtilage value. The specific area is a rectangular plot immediately south of the main walled garden.

This is a carefully assessed proposal and although it will result in the loss of historic horticultural space, this appears to be surplus to modern-day requirements. The proposal will establish an excellent alternative use as part of the Animal Care Centre for Leeds College's School of Land & Animal Sciences. The Heritage Statement takes the RPG and walled garden into consideration and the design states that these sensitivities have been taken into account, particularly in the height of the buildings and fencing. There will be some view of the roofs /tops of the enclosures but limited and visually relatively low-key. The maintenance building to the south will also help to enclose the development within the landscape. There is a substantial area of trees to the west and south-west. The most exposed boundary is on the eastern side where there are a few deciduous trees.

We offer the following comments/advice:

We suggest that the Cladco corrugated metal should be of a muted colour to blend in with the nearby structures and vegetation.

If there is sufficient space, some additional trees on the eastern side would visually help to integrate the development into the landscape and could also offer some sun/heat protection for animals in the earlier part of the day.

In view of the horticultural history of the site and the proximity to the Shrunken Medieval Village of Colton, we suggest that there is a watching brief for any below ground archaeology during the works as proposed by the Archaeology Desk-based Assessment and Heritage Statement from AB Heritage.

The proposed development will result in some degree of less than substantial harm to the RPG. However, we consider that the public benefit to be derived, would meet the requirements of the NPPF when balanced against this less than substantial harm to the RPG.

The Gardens Trust and Yorkshire Gardens Trust have no objection.

Yours sincerely

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cc. Dr Kristof Fatsar, Historic England, Yorkshire and the North East, Historic England; The Gardens Trust