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Dear Mr Cheseldine

## **2025/62/92782/E Land off Litherop Lane, Clayton West, Huddersfield, HD8 9LT Erection of stables and tackroom and use of land for equestrian purposes**

Thank you for consulting The Gardens Trust (GT) in its role as Statutory Consultee for proposed developments that could affect sites included by Historic England (HE) on their Register of Parks & Gardens. The Yorkshire Gardens Trust (YGT) is a member organisation of GT, works in partnership with it in the protection and conservation of registered sites, and is authorised by GT to respond on GT's behalf in such consultations.

We are responding to this application only in relation to its possible impact upon Bretton Hall park, a Registered Park and Garden (RPG) at grade II.

- The site is at the edge of the RPG. Dense tree cover (even after recent removal of diseased rhododendrons) screens the view towards the site from the upper lake and from the area of open parkland surrounding the Hall.
- The site is visible in the view back towards Bretton Hall park from the slope up to Long Side. However, this view is set away to the left, is screened by a belt of trees and only marginally affects the designed views of the park and its principal main designed landscape features.

We conclude that the proposal is at the lower end of less than substantial harm.

As the proposed site is for a new geometric/rectangular area set into the former parkland (now agricultural land), and thus projecting from the boundary plantation of the RPG via a track, we advise care is taken to ensure that the site blends into the setting on this part of the RPG. For continuity with the historic planting and sympathy with the designed landscape we recommend that several trees are planted in the screen hedge to reference the species present in the Park or the boundary woodland.

We are copying this letter to Mr Mark Chesman, Head of Estates and Projects, Yorkshire Sculpture Park for information.

Yours sincerely,  
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