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Further to your recent consultation I have the following comments to make:

~ I have no objections to the erection of the new classroom building.

~ I have no objections to the erection of the new outbuildings/storage sheds.

~ I am however concerned about the enlargement of the car parking area, which seems to only be present in this application as a one-line comment in the Design and Access Statement. When the construction of the existing car park was proposed in 2003 (02/01212/FUL), both myself and I believe the Garden History Society were concerned about this extension into what had previously been green space in front of Gilling Castle, and which frames it within the Registered Park and Garden area. The car park was a development that came out from the perimeter tree screen into the main area in front of the Castle and I was concerned to ensure that it was integrated as much as possible into this adjacent woodland. This hasn't really happened and the car park still sits as an incongruous feature in an open 'parkland' setting. Rather than have the two grassed areas removed and turned into car parking spaces, I would prefer to see them planted with trees to ensure that this area, and the new development, becomes integrated more carefully into the historic landscape.

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