Sussex Gardens Trust

Encouraging the protection, conservation and evolution of the local garden heritage

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Arun District Council
Planning Department

By email: planning@arun.gov.uk
For the attention of Mr S Davis

23rd September, 2021

Dear Sirs,

ARUN DC: AL/113/21/OUT. 69 No. dwellings & associated works - Land at Bayards Level Mare Lane Eastergate PO203RZ

The site lies some 800m to the SE of Denmans Garden, which was added to the HE Register of Historic Parks and Gardens in 2020. Registration is a 'material consideration' in the planning process, and also triggers specific elements of national planning policy, including consultation with the Gardens Trust.

Sussex Gardens Trust (SGT) is a member of the Gardens Trust (GT) (a national statutory consultee), and works closely with the GT on planning matters; the GT has brought this application to the SGT's attention. Representatives of SGT have carefully reviewed the documentation submitted and also visited the site which is a considerable distance away from the registered area of Denmans Garden. The intervening field and road boundaries are strong with mature trees. Denmans Garden itself has similar screening on its eastern margin. Hence the proposals are unlikely to affect the significance of Denmans Garden and for this reason SGT does not object to the application, but neither does it support the application. However, the peace and tranquillity of the Denmans Garden would be adversely impacted if there were further development to the west of the current site, or if changes to road signage or layout leads to more traffic along Denmans Lane, Fontwell.

Yours faithfully

Jim Stockwell
On behalf of the Sussex Gardens Trust.
CC: The Gardens Trust