

Sussex Gardens Trust

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

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By e-mail to SDNP

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Dear Sirs

SDNP/21/04570 Erection of temp production facilities. Weald And Downland Open Air Museum

Thank you for consulting Sussex Gardens Trust (SGT) regarding the above application. The Gardens Trust (GT) - is a statutory consultee on matters concerning registered parks and gardens, and is now working closely with County Garden Trusts such as SGT regarding commenting on planning policy and planning applications.

Representatives of SGT have carefully studied the documents submitted with the application. The site of these buildings is located within West Dean Park which is included on the register of historic parks and gardens maintained by Historic England with a Grade II* designation. The buildings will be clearly visible from the adjoining field and from the higher ground to the south, and may also be visible viewed through the registered park from the West Dean House area. However, SGT accepts the low profile and subdued colouring will reduce any harm to less than substantial.

The application seeks approval for a lengthy period of five years and does not provide for any planting to screen the buildings from view. Given there will be some limited visual harm to this sensitive site, SGT suggests consideration should be given to planting a shrub/tree screen and restricting the approval to a shorter period than five years.

Yours faithfully

Jim Stockwell.

On behalf of the Sussex Garden Trust.

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