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By email: planning@wealden.gov.uk
For the attention of Mr S Carey

23rd December, 2021

Dear Sirs,

WD/2021/2461/MAJ Buxted park: PLANNING APPLICATION C2 RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME. LAND EAST OF COOPERS GREEN ROAD, Uckfield.

On 8th October 2020 Sussex Gardens Trust (SGT) commented on an earlier application (WD/2019/2466/MAJ). While the Planning Officer referred to these comments in his report, the letter has not been retained on the website and other interested parties will not be able to see it, so the earlier letter is shown below.

The present application entails a lower structure with a smaller footprint located a little further back from Views Wood. These changes are welcome. SGT does not object to the present planning application, but neither does it welcome the loss of this block of pasture land so close to the Registered area.

Yours faithfully

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

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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 with this application. The site is located on land just beyond the boundary of Buxted Park, which is included on the list of registered Parks and Gardens maintained by Historic England with a Grade II* designation.

The mansion, church and the main entrance avenue to the Park are located about 1Km from the development site and would be well screened by extensive woodland. Hence the proposals would not cause any harm on the significance of these parts of the Park. However, the proposals are very close to the western boundary close to Views Wood, which was included in the designated area because it was traversed obliquely by the route of the former double avenue of 'Scotch firs' (pines) planted in 1777 by John Curd and forming the main approach in the C19. Nevertheless, SGT does not object to the present planning application, but neither does it welcome the loss of this block of pasture land so close to the Registered area.

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