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Horsham District Council
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FAO Mr M Porter

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Dear Sirs,

**DC/22/1065 INSTALLATION OF PERMANENT SCULPTURES WITHIN THE GROUNDS OF LEONARDSLEE LAKE AND GARDENS. LEONARDSLEE GARDENS BRIGHTON ROAD LOWER BEEDING HORSHAM**

Thank you for consulting The Gardens Trust (GT) in its role as Statutory Consultee with regard to proposed development affecting a site listed by Historic England (HE) on their Register of Parks and Gardens as per the above application. The Sussex Gardens Trust (SGT) is a member organisation of the GT and works in partnership with it in respect of the protection and conservation of registered sites, and is authorised by the GT to respond on GT's behalf in respect of such consultations.

The Historic England Register of Parks and Gardens includes some 1600 sites and Leonardslee is one of the very small number (approximately 9% of the total) with a Grade I designation as a site of exceptional interest. Hence it is re vital that all parties give meticulous attention to the justification for approval of the application.

Representatives of SGT have carefully reviewed the documentation submitted with this application. We note these include a Heritage Statement as part of the Planning Statement. SGT neither support nor objects to the proposals, although we suggest it is made clear for visitors that all these sculptures are a modern intervention and not part iof the original garden design.

Kind regards

Jim Stockwell
**Trustee**
**On behalf of**
**Sussex Gardens Trust**