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Forestry Commission
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27th August, 2022

Dear Sirs,

Re UTCF-652653-22-23
Notification of new planting: Urban Tree Challenge Fund
Location: Preston Park
Grid Reference: TQ305 063 Planting Proposal: 40 standard trees planted into grass

Species: Tulip tree, Norway Maple, Black Walnut, Elm, Austrian Pine, Cedar of Lebanon, Turkey Oak, Hawthorn, Beech, Cherry, Horse Chestnut, Crab Apple, Davidia Involucrata, Foxglove, Paperbark Maple, Catalpa

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.

Representatives of SGT have carefully reviewed the documentation submitted with this consultation and the Trusts comments are shown below using your questionnaire.

Re UTCF-652653-22-23		
I intend to comment by [27th August 2022]		
2.	I have reviewed the information supplied and I am satisfied this proposal does not adversely affect any local interest **(delete Yes or No as appropriate)** If you answer **No**, please give your explanation for doing so in Part 3 below	~~**Yes**~~ **No**
3.		**I have the following comments in connection with this consultation.**
4.		While it is welcome that investment is being made, it would be worrying if the planting takes place without proper thought and evaluation. Clearly the trees, when mature, will be important to the significance of the Park. While a map has been provided showing locations for planting, this does not identify species to sites or any explanation of the rationale from both horticultural and landscape perspectives. Without such information, it is impossible to make an informed comment.
5.	Do you have other relevant information that may affect this proposal? If you answer **Yes,** please attach details to this email and send to us:	~~**Yes**~~ **No**

Kind regards

Jim Stockwell
Trustee
On behalf of
Sussex Gardens Trust