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FAO Mr R Bewick

13th July, 2022

Dear Sirs,

WD/2022/0391/MAJ PLANNING APPLICATION CONSTRUCTION OF 18 NO. NEW DWELLINGS LAND WEST OF STYLES LANE AND SOUTH OF HIGH STREET, WADHURST TN5 6DZ.

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 application and note that the development is immediately adjacent to Wadhust Park, which is designated as a Grade II Registered Park by Historic England. The documents submitted claim that the impact on the Registered Park is neutral. The image below (taken from Google Streetview) shows the view in Sept 2018 from the lawn in front of the Ha-Ha at Wadhust castle looking towards the site.



Unfortunately, the Landscape and Visual appraisal document does not include a photomontage to show whether the new houses would be visible from this point after construction. Without such a photomontage it is unclear whether the proposals would cause any visual harm to the Registered Park and for this reason we suggest the Planning Authority should request such an image before determining the application.

Kind regards

Jim Stockwell
Trustee
On behalf of
Sussex Gardens Trust