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Dear Sirs,

ERECTION OF 11 NO. DWELLINGS LAND AT PARKLANDS, BURWASH ROAD, HEATHFIELD

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. We note that both the Heritage Statement and Planning Statement mention the development causing less than substantial harm to Heathfield Park, which is included on the Register of Historic Parks and Gardens maintained by Historic England with a Grade II designation. The Trust agrees with this assessment and approval of the application should only be granted by the Planning Authority if offsetting public benefits can be demonstrated.

If the application is approved, the planting to the south is essential to make a border with Heathfield Park especially as the footpath in the park runs close to this boundary. Likewise, the rest of the landscaping defines the site and will to some extent mitigate the impact of the 11 houses. It will be important to ensure the landscaping is controlled and it is suggested there should be a condition for this attached to any approval.

SGT neither support nor objects to the proposals.

Kind regards

Jim Stockwell
Trustee
On behalf of Sussex Gardens Trust