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6th November, 2022

Dear Sirs,

WD/2022/2630: RELOCATION OF VEHICULAR ACCESS, HEATHFIELD PARK

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 site sits within Heathfield Park, which is included on the Register of Parks and Gardens of Historic Interest maintained by Historic England with a Grade II designation. Representatives of SGT have carefully reviewed the documentation submitted with this application and that submitted with the original permitted application WD/2022/2630/LB. A new indented section of wall has been constructed together with a new gate. While it is difficult to be certain, it appears from Google Earth images that new walls and gateway were constructed by around 2015 in line with the permitted design; but the gateway entrance itself appears to have been demolished by around 2020 and rebuilt with a more angular design and a wider opening than the permitted design (see images below).

The documentation summitted does not describe any public benefits associated with the change in design (both designs achieve the same traffic safety benefits). SGT has no further comment and neither supports nor objects to the application.

Kind regards

Jim Stockwell
Trustee, On behalf of Sussex Gardens Trust



Google earth Image dated September 4th 2015



Google earth Image dated April 23rd 2020



Google earth Image dated March 2022