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Mid Sussex District Council
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Dear Sirs,

DM/23/0421 BORDE HILL EXTENSION AND ALTERATIONS TO THE EXISTING STABLES BUILDING TO IMPROVE AND EXPAND THE EXISTING RESTAURANT ETC

Thank you for re-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.

Sussex Gardens Trust welcomes many aspects of the proposals, particularly the removal of the unsightly marquee and is pleased that the fabric of the walled garden is preserved and the quadrant layout retained, albeit with encroachment into one of the quadrants by the bulky glasshouse and outdoor dining area. The glasshouse has the feel more of an orangery/palm house than a working Edwardian glasshouse. However, there are precedents in other historic walled gardens, it is set well to the east of the stable block's garden frontage, its ridge line is below that of the block and not much of it should be visible above the garden walls (although it's hard to tell - a couple of sketch perspectives of the scheme as it would look viewed from, say, halfway up the approach drive and also as you draw alongside the north-west corner of the walled garden would help).

The kitchen extension on the east end of the stable block is bulky and not a thing of beauty – flat roof, single storey with rendered walls but should be sufficiently screened from the main road by vegetation. The re-ordering of the north car park should leave that area looking neater (the nice view through the original entrance gates from the main road is left unimpeded) and the siting of the staff and boiler buildings don't raise any concerns for SGT.

Kind regards

Jim Stockwell
Trustee
On behalf of
Sussex Gardens Trust